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RCW 114, an old supernova remnant with an estimated diameter of 100 lightyears.

INTRODUCTION

Core-Collapse Supernovae

CORE COLLAPSE SUPERNOVAE

Understanding core-collapse supernova explosions is crucial to many different problems of astronomy.

Galactic Chemical Evolution

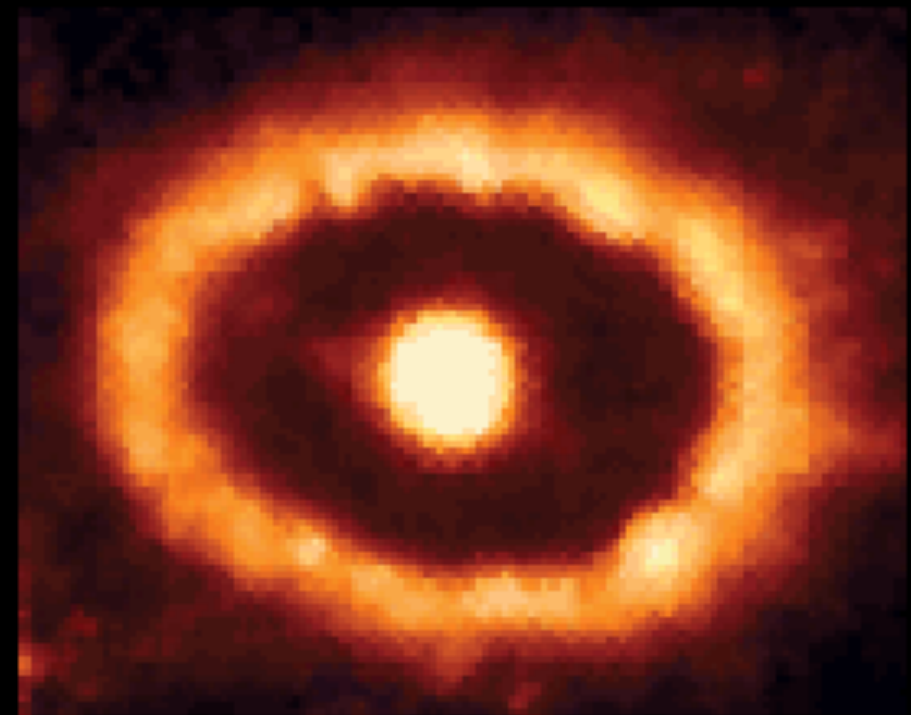
- Nucleosynthesis
- Stellar Feedback

Compact Object Formation

- Produce NS / stellar mass BHs

Multi-Messenger Astronomy

- Gravitational Waves
- Neutrino Emission

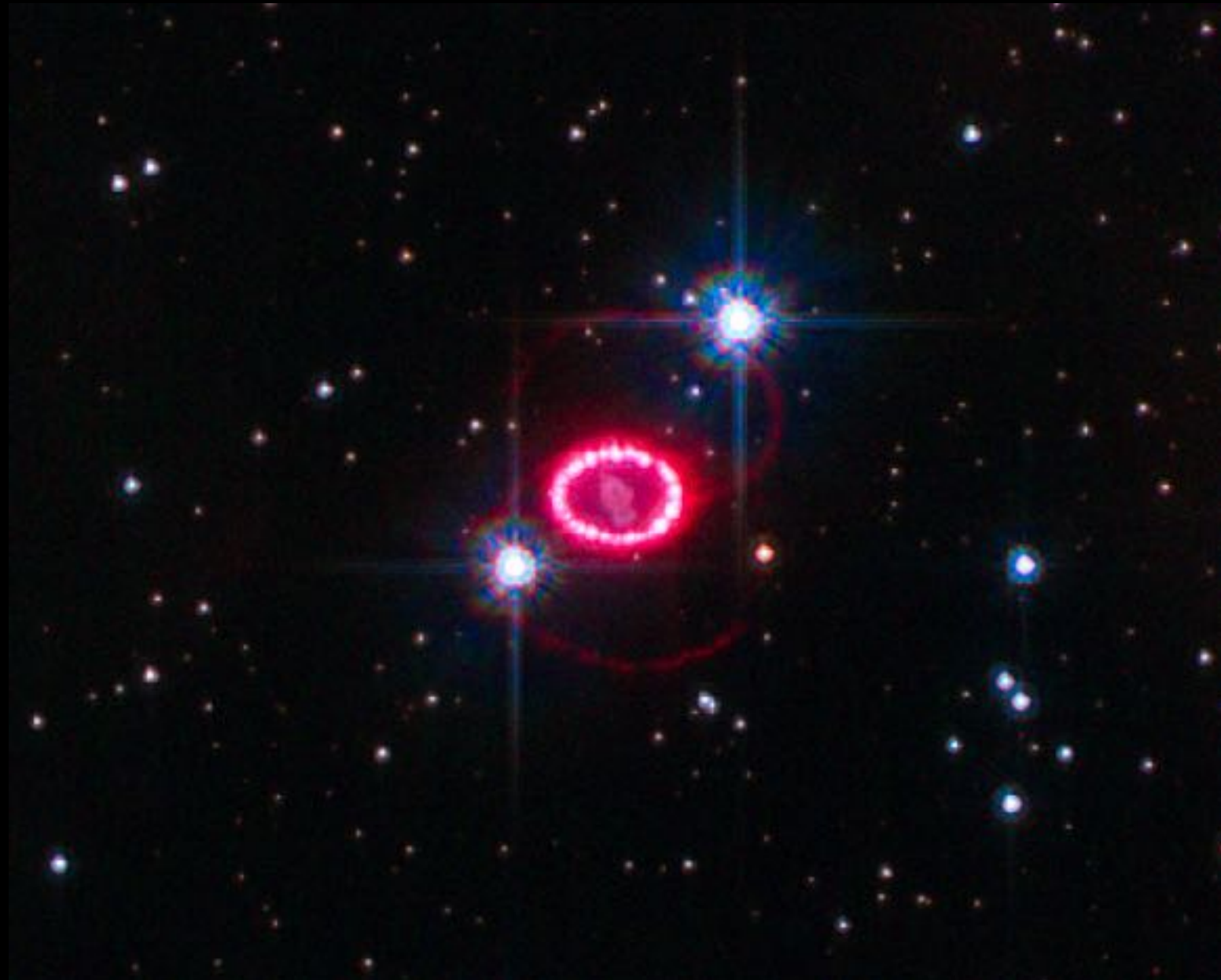


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Credit: Larsson, J. et al. (2011).

CORE-COLLAPSE SUPERNOVA EXPLOSIONS

- ~3 per century for a Milky Way type galaxy (Li et al. 2012).
- More numerous than thermonuclear explosions (4x).
- Liberate $\sim 10^{58}$ neutrinos.
- Kinetic energies on the order of 10^{51} erg!
- Produced by stars with masses about 8 times more than the Sun.



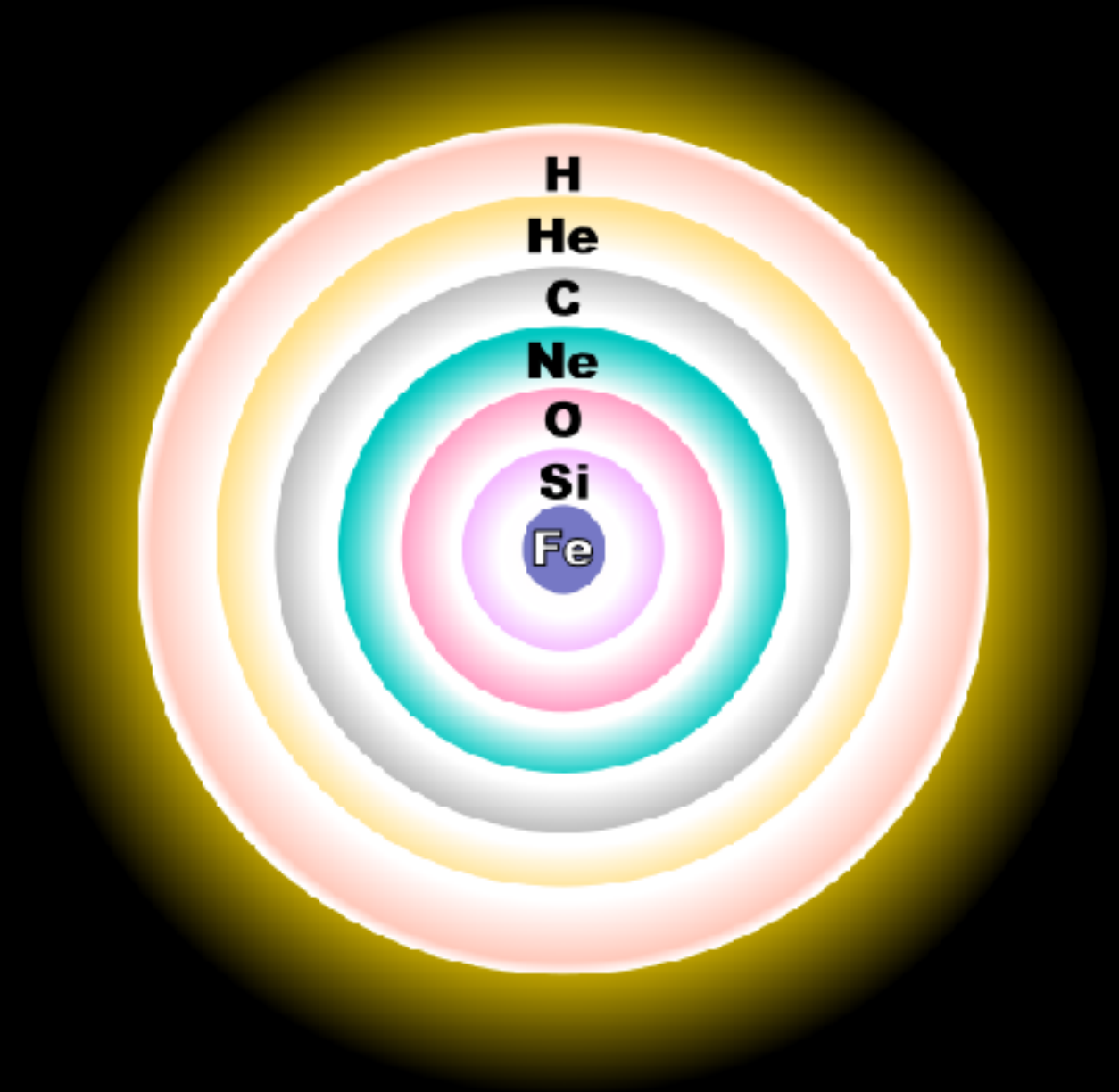
THE REMNANT OF SN 1987A. SOURCE: NASA GSFC.

INTRODUCTION

CCSN Explosion Mechanism

EVOLUTION TOWARDS IRON CORE-COLLAPSE IN A MASSIVE STAR

- Massive stars burn heavier and heavier elements.
- Form an inert core primarily of Fe peak elements.
- Core becomes gravitationally unstable as reactions remove pressure sources.
- Core collapses - rapidly !



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PHYSICS OF STELLAR CORE-COLLAPSE

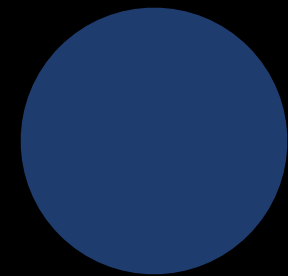
"Iron" Core



$$Y_e \sim 0.45$$

$$\rho_c \sim 10^{10} \text{ (g cm}^{-3}\text{)}$$

Proto-Neutron Star



$$R \sim 50 \text{ km}$$

$$Y_e \sim 0.27$$

$$\rho_c \sim 10^{14} \text{ (g cm}^{-3}\text{)}$$

"Core-Collapse"

$$t \sim 250 \text{ ms}$$



PHYSICS OF STELLAR CORE-COLLAPSE

"Bounce"
Stiffening of Core
Launch Shock

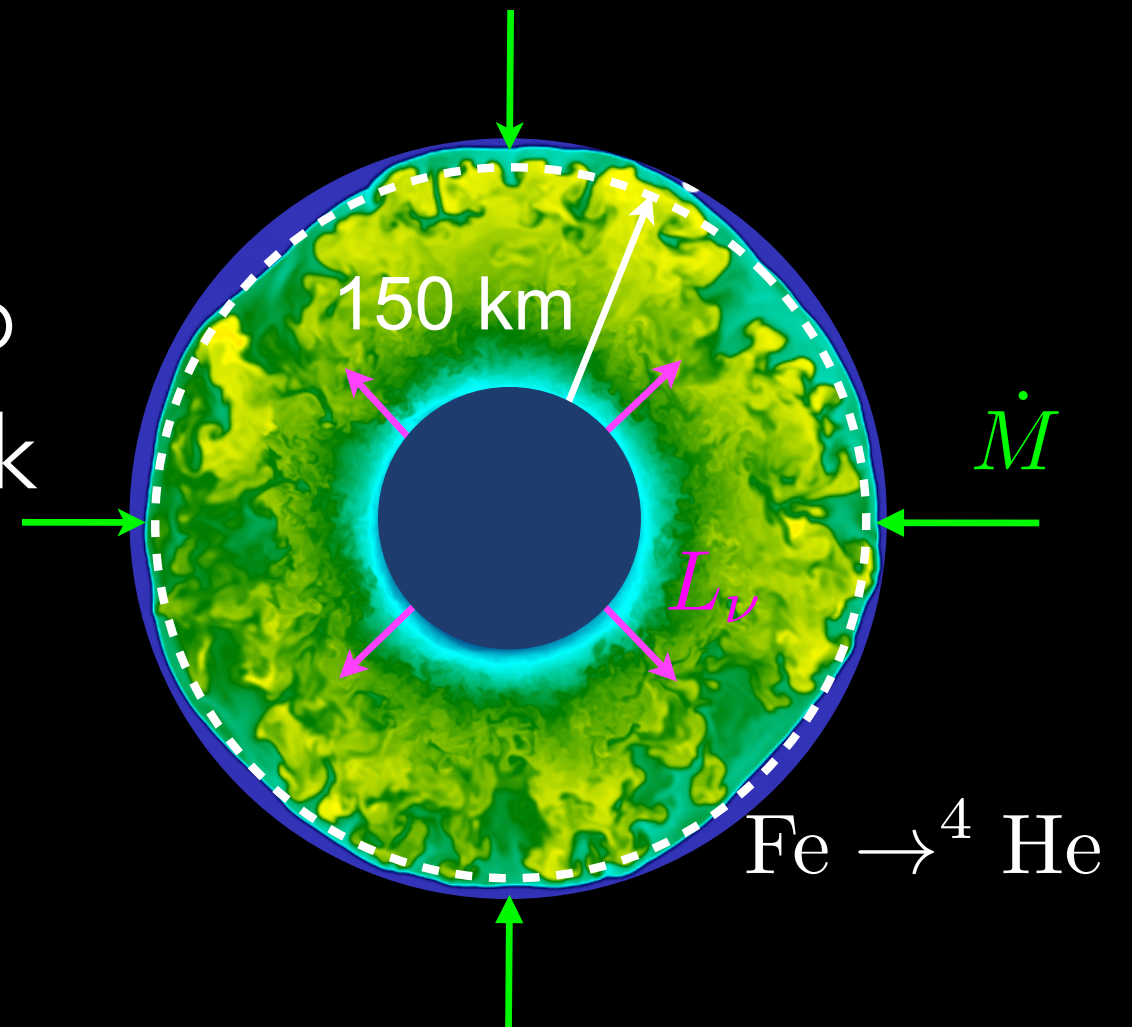


$R \sim 50 \text{ km}$

"Bounce" to
Stalled Shock

$t \sim 100 \text{ ms}$

Stalled Shock



Not enough energy to
promptly explode star.

*Entropy slice of explosion of 20 solar mass stars.
Credit: O' Connor & Couch (2018b).*

REVIVAL OF THE STALLED SHOCK

Delayed Neutrino Heating Mechanism

- Needs $\sim 10^{51}$ erg to unbind the star, explode.
- PNS contraction releases energy as neutrinos $\sim 10^{53}$ erg / s !!
- Heating by neutrinos beneath the stalled shock via absorption.
- *Only* need a few % of released neutrinos to drive explosion (Bethe & Wilson 1985).

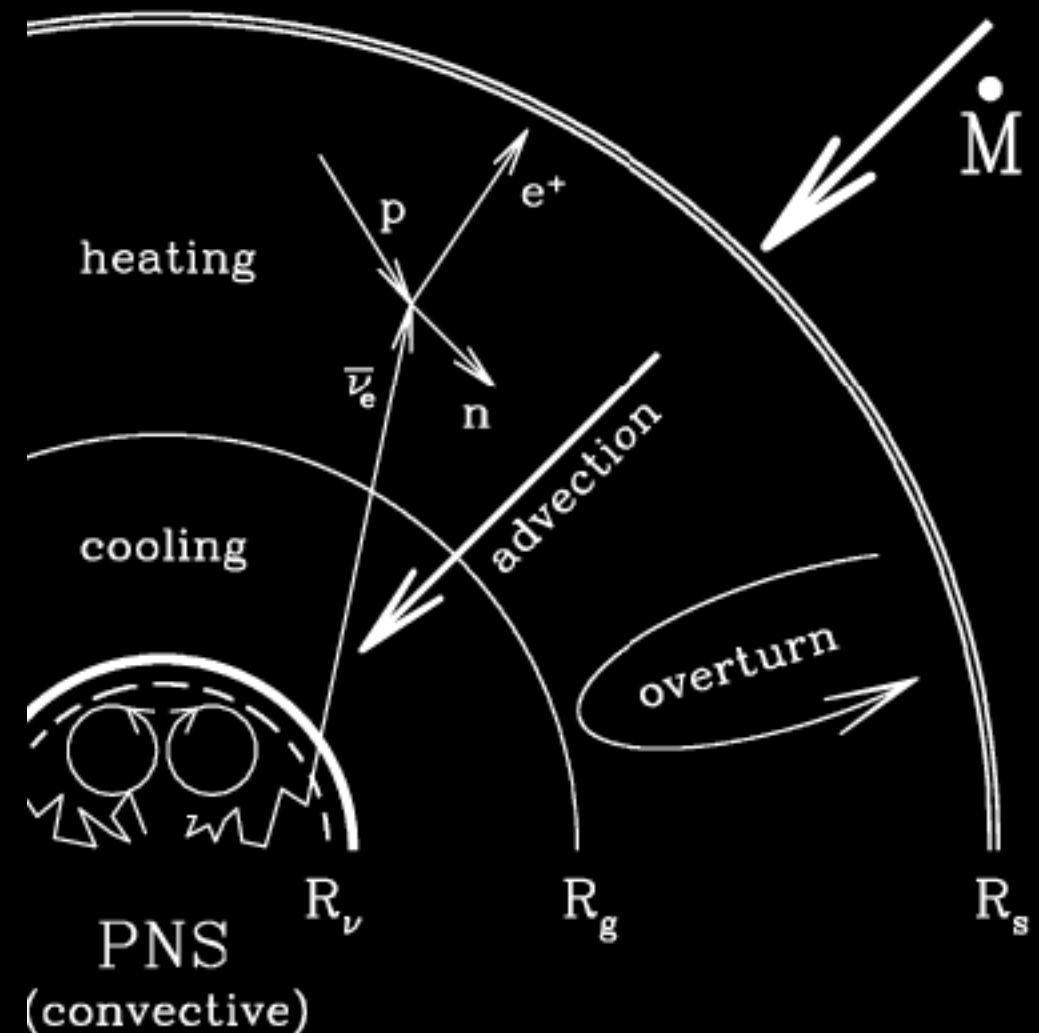


Diagram showing revival of stalled shock.
Credit: Janka (2011).

ERA OF 3D CCSN SIMULATIONS

Fully-coupled!

3D Magnetohydrodynamics

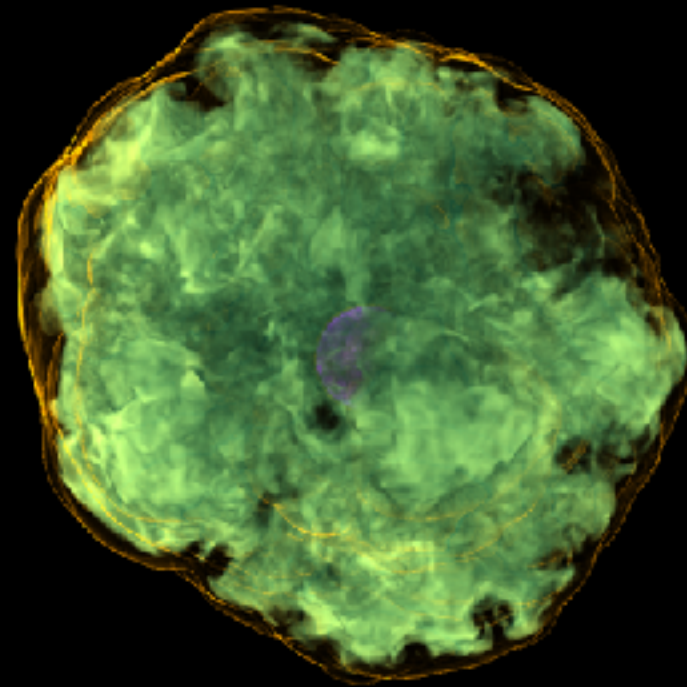
General Relativity

Boltzmann ν -transport

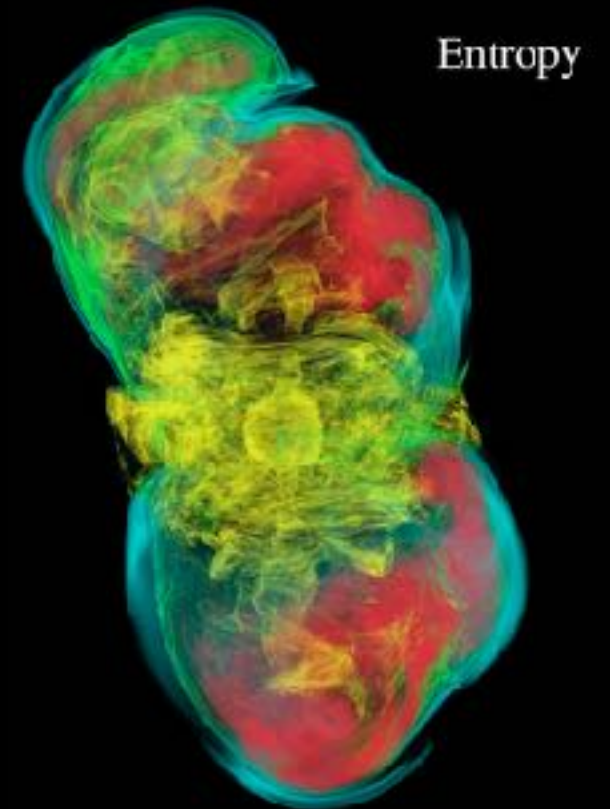
Microphysics

(Nuclear EOS, ν -interactions,
nuclear kinetics)

Credit: Sean Couch

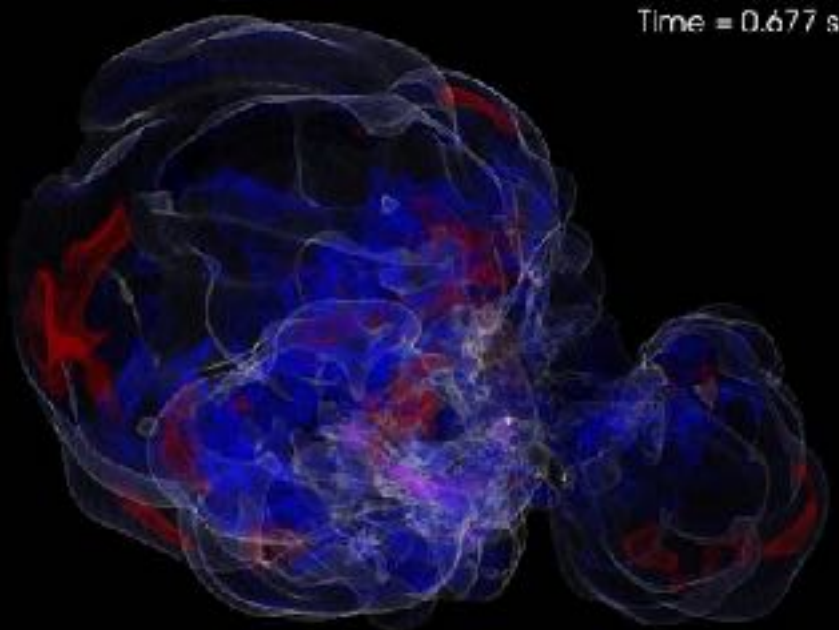


(Fields + 2021b, in prep.)



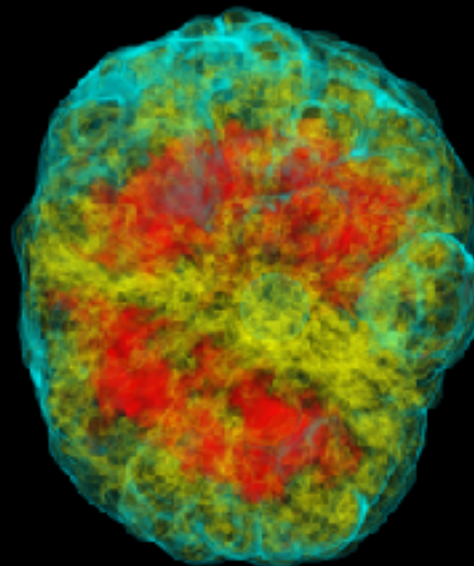
Entropy

(Moesta + 2014)

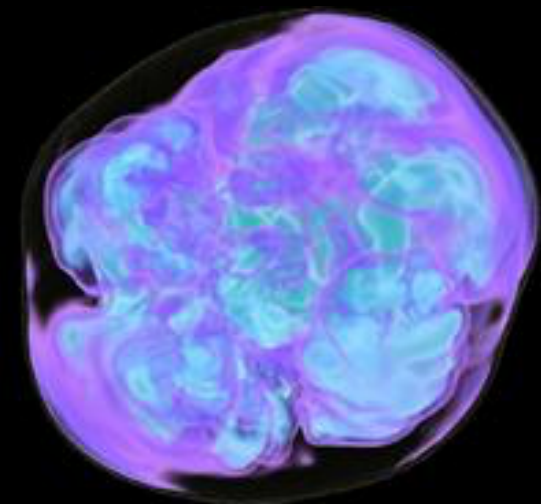


Time = 0.677 s

(Vartanyan+ 2019)



(Roberts + 2016)



(Burrows + 2019)

Solved problem...right?

INTRODUCTION

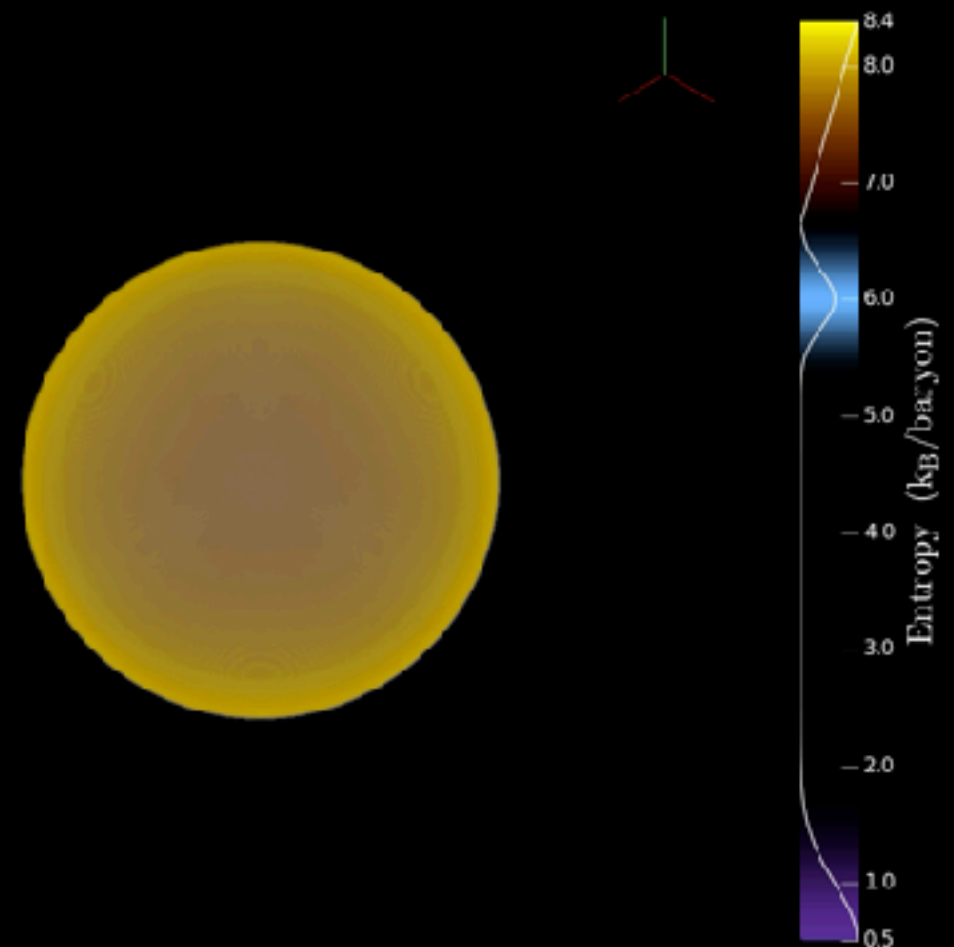
The CCSN “Problem” and
possible solutions

THE CORE-COLLAPSE 'PROBLEM'

How do we (try) to model stellar explosions?

- 1D Stellar Evolution Codes for pre-supernova evolution.
- Evolve explosion in 2/3D using multi-D hydro codes.
- Shock failed to be revived in some models.

Time = 16.8 (ms)

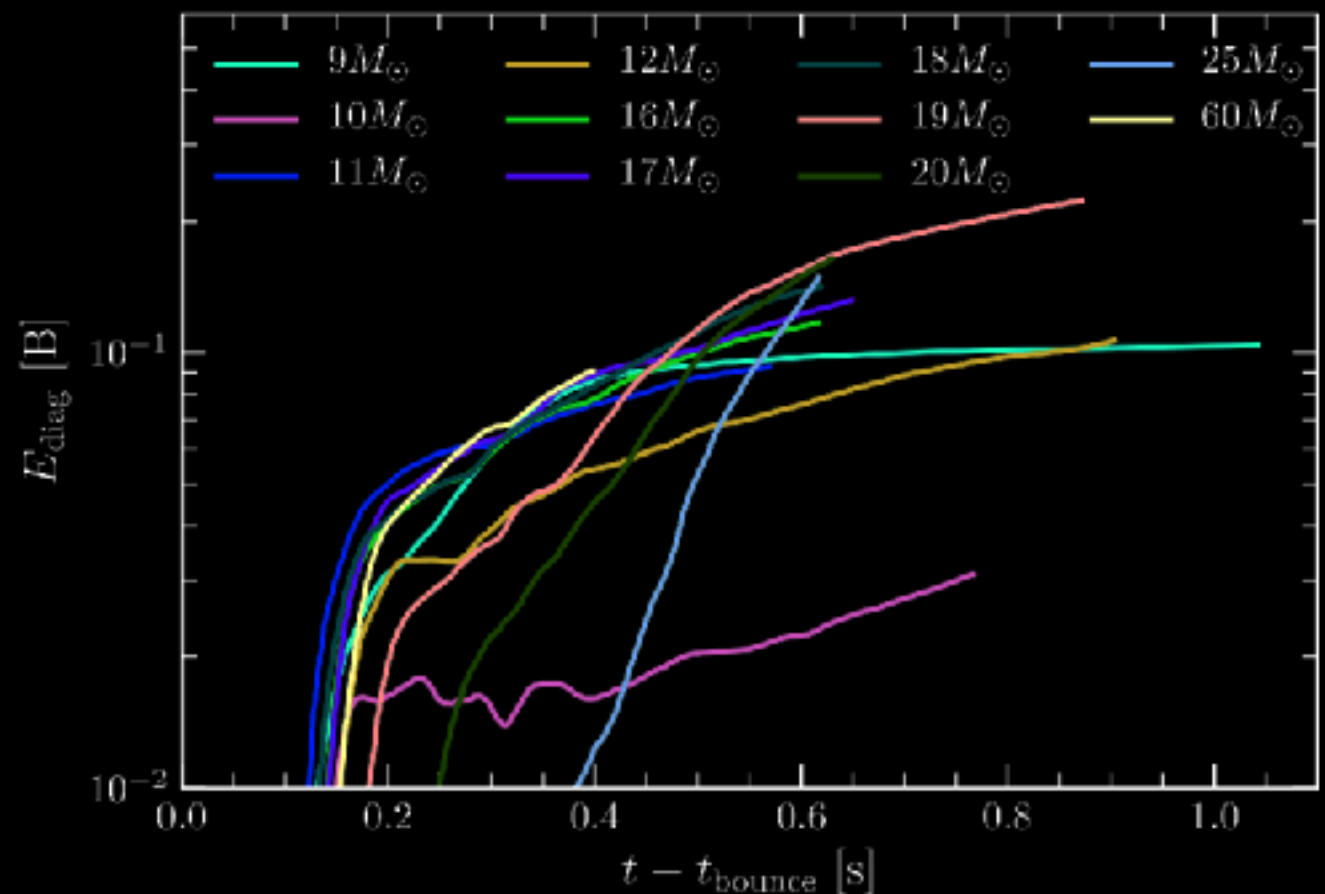


Failed explosion using spherically symmetric
1D model from Couch + 2018.

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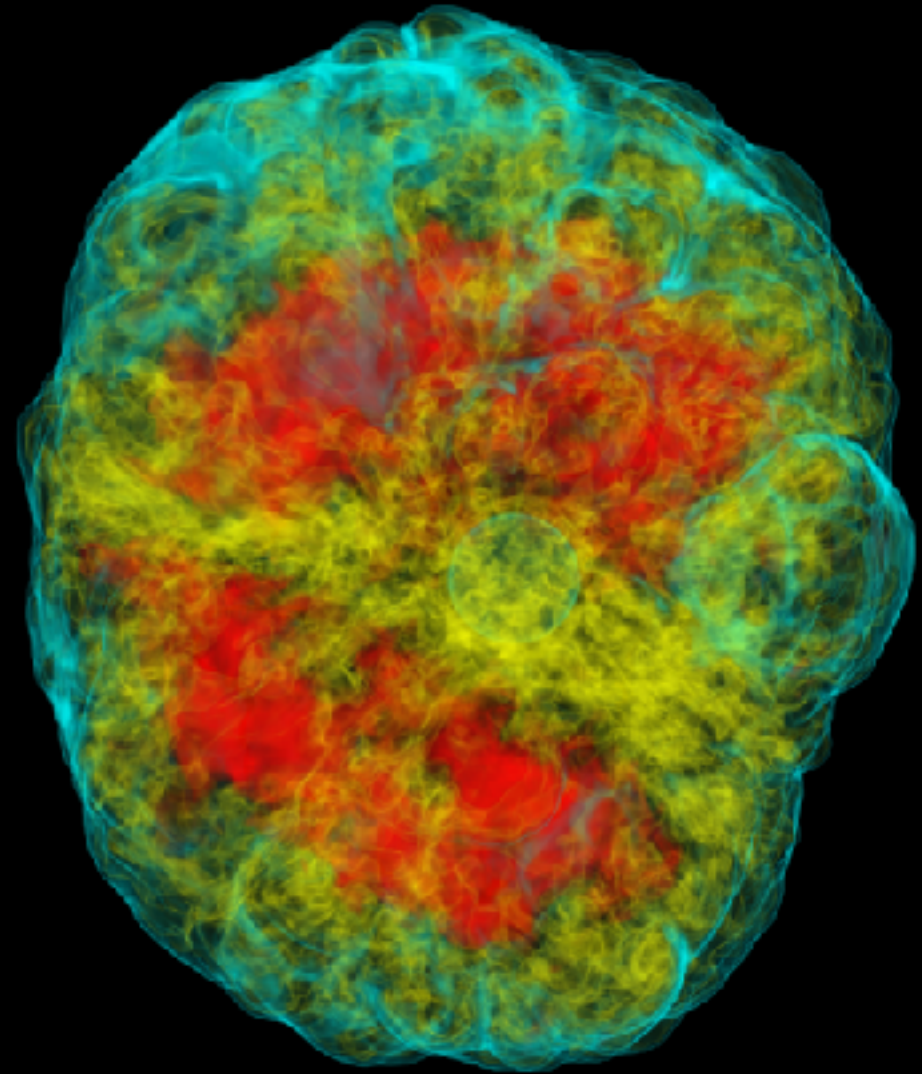
- Struggle to match range of Type II-P explosion energies of $\sim 0.5\text{--}4\text{B}$ (Kasen & Woosely 2015).
- 3D exploding models show low energies?
- Need to reach asymptotic plateau requires longer simulations (Burrows+ 2019).



Evolution of explosion energy for 3D CCSN models from Burrows + 2019.

SOLUTION(S) TO THE CORE-COLLAPSE 'PROBLEM'?

- **General Relativistic Gravity** - More compact PNs lead to larger neutrino luminosities.
- **Sophisticated Neutrino Transport** - Full Transport + GR can result in explosion.
- **Initial models/Perturbations** - Pre-SN models are **not** spherical and can vary.

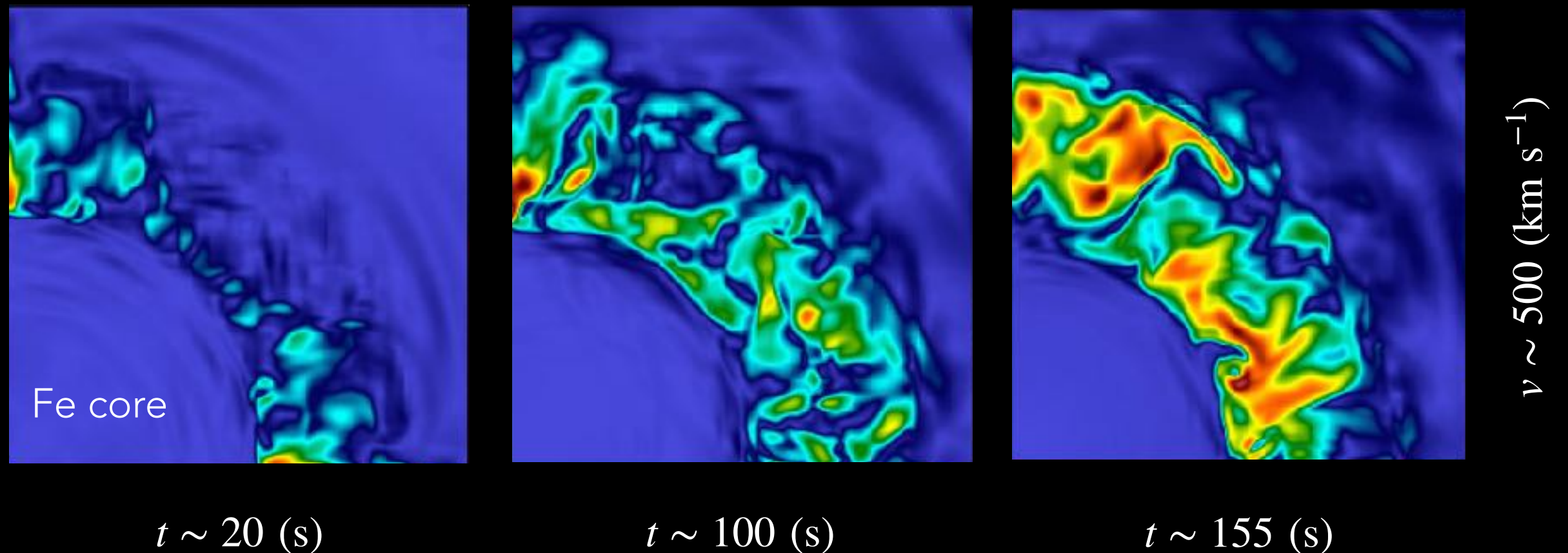


Volume rendering of the entropy distribution from *Roberts + 2016*.

INTRODUCTION

Deeper look in to the Pre-
Supernova Models

PERTURBATIONS IN THE PRE-SUPERNOVA MODEL

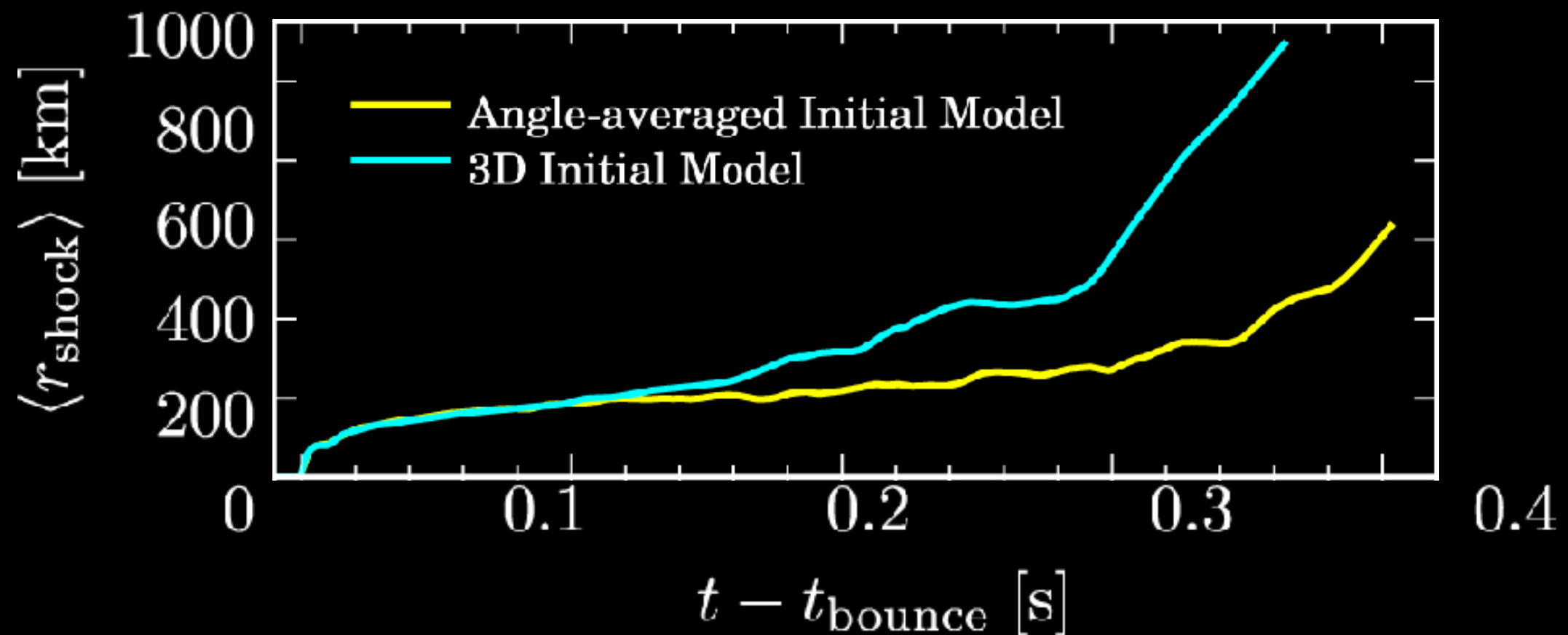


(Couch + ApJL, 2015)

- 3D Octant model, \sim three minutes, evolved using 21 isotope network.

PERTURBATIONS IN THE PRE-SUPERNOVA MODEL

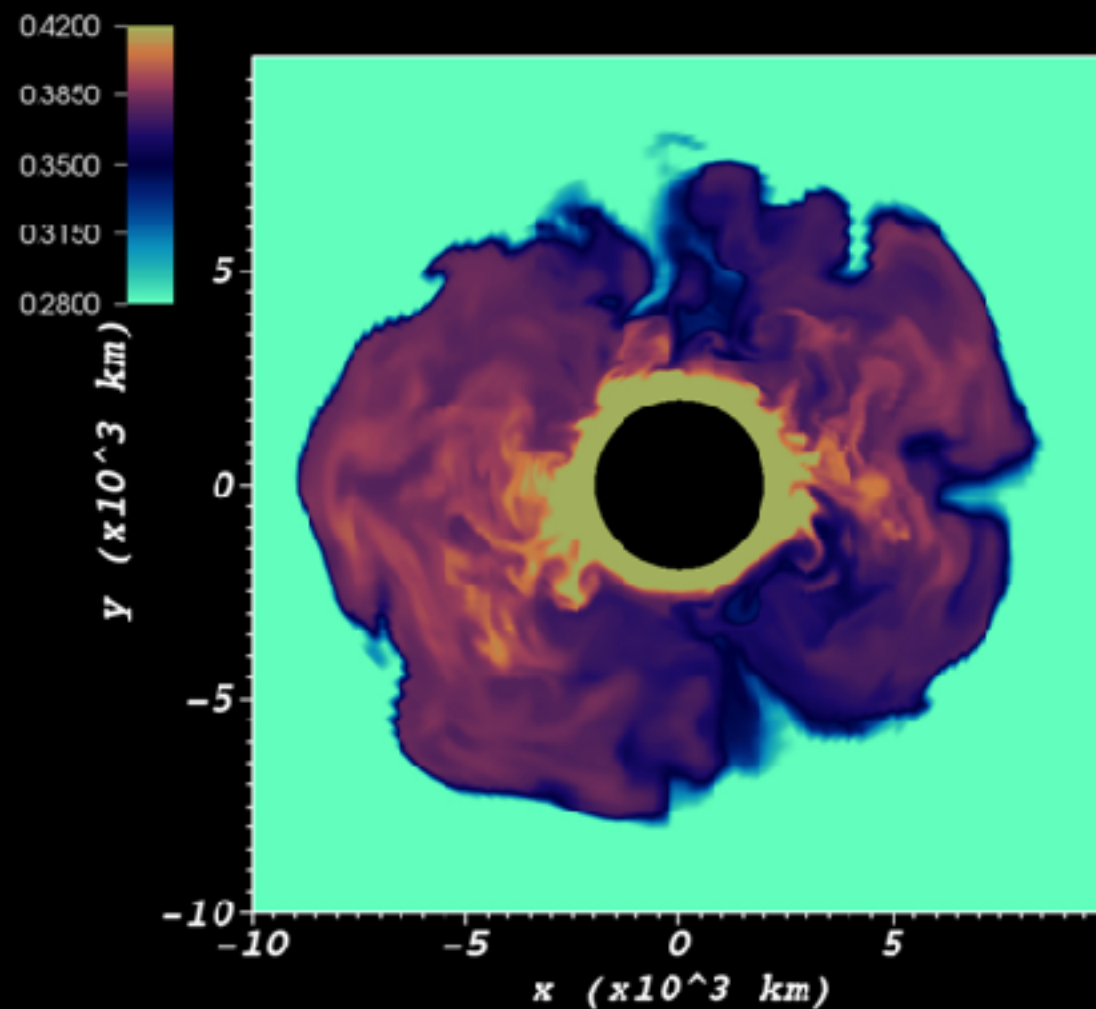
3D Initial model leads to faster, stronger explosion.



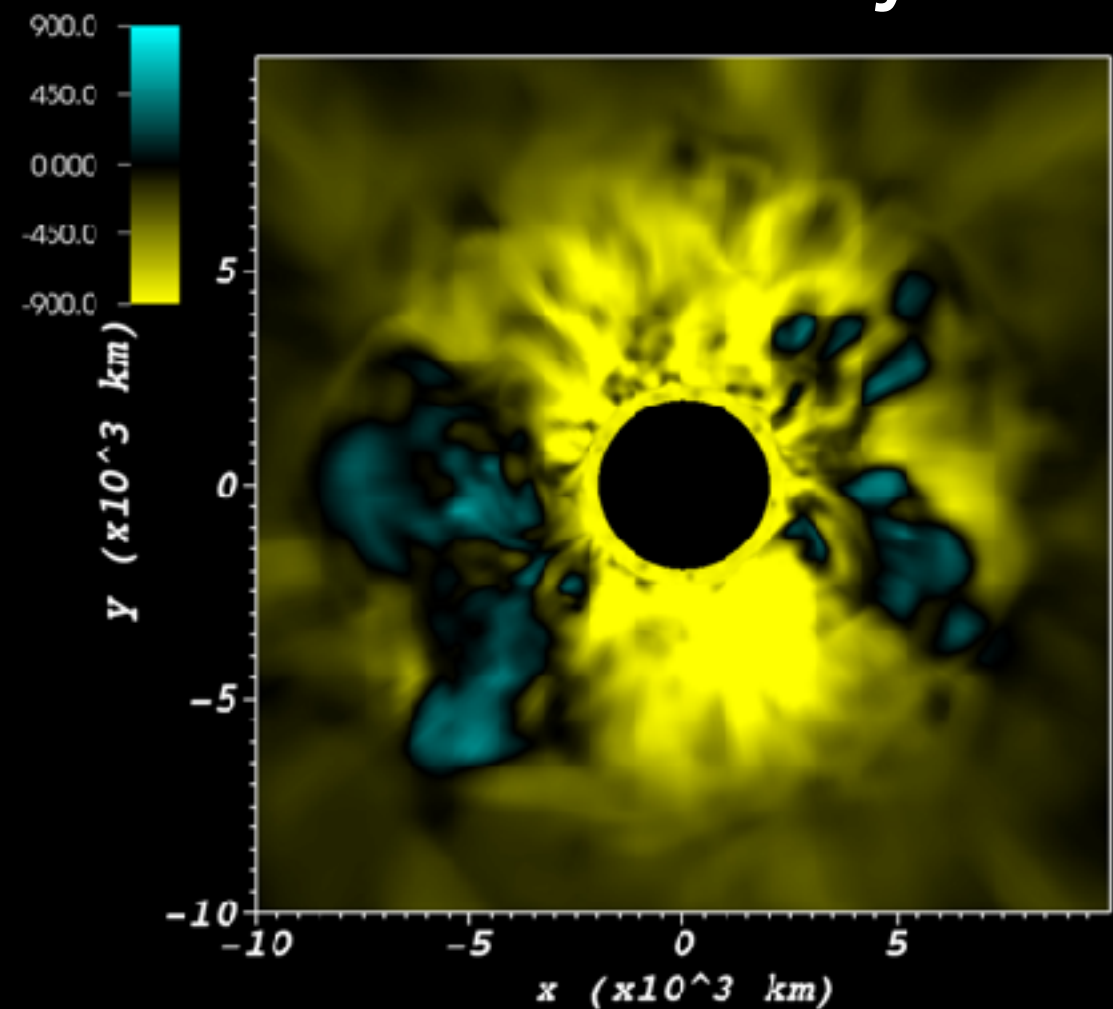
- Multi-D progenitors provide a solution to the core-collapse problem.

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SIMULATIONS OF MASSIVE STARS

Silicon-28

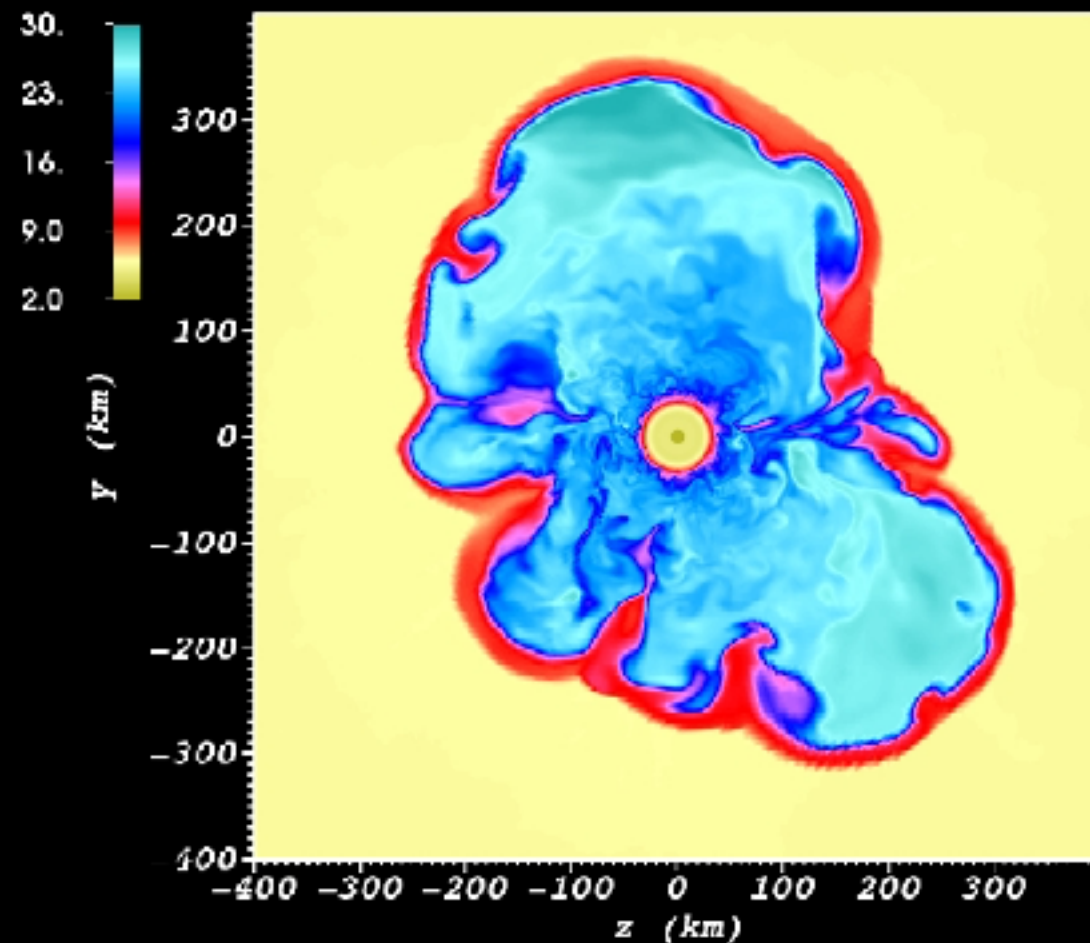


Radial Velocity

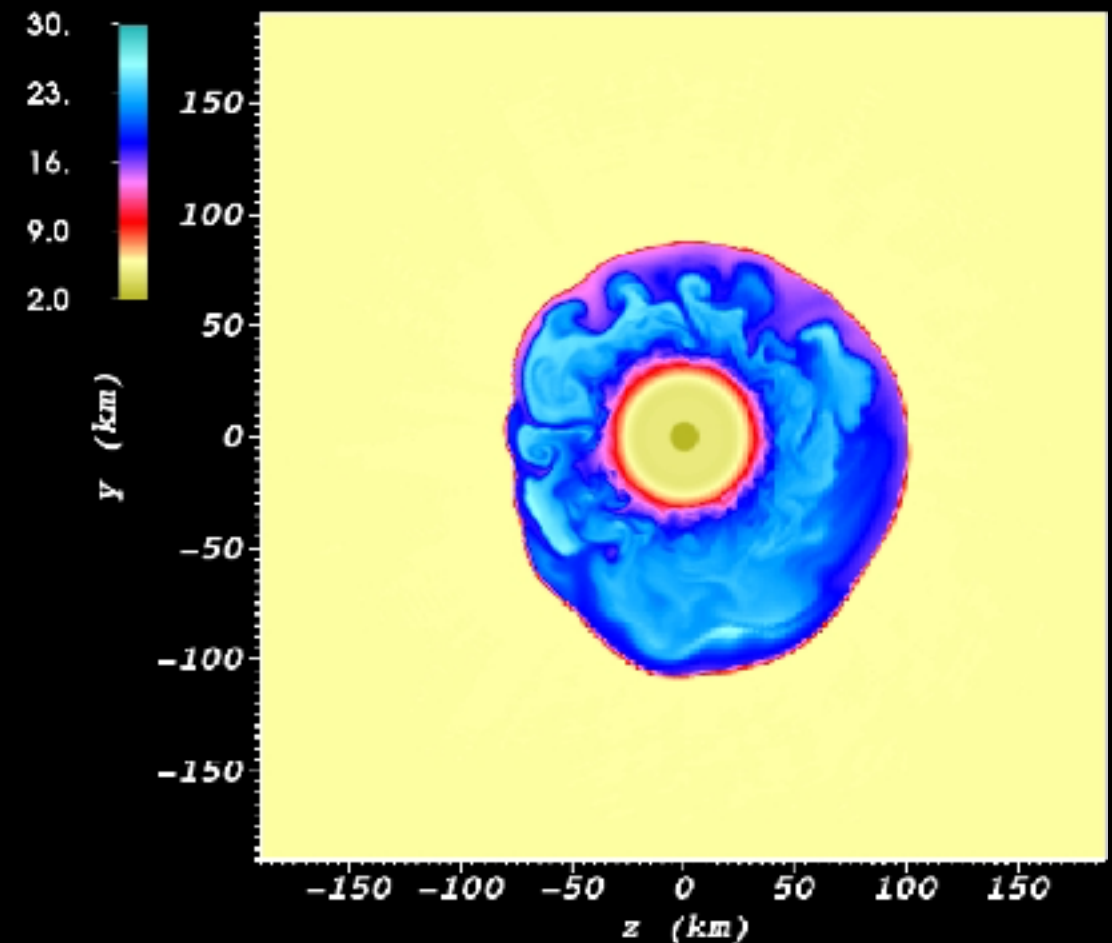


- 4pi simulations of oxygen shell burning find bipolar flow near collapse in simulation of 18 solar mass star. (*Muller +2016*)

IMPACT OF PROGENITORS ON EXPLOSION MECHANISM



3D initial progenitor



1D initial progenitor

(Muller + 2017)

IMPACT OF PROGENITORS ON EXPLOSION MECHANISM

How do 3D progenitors help facilitate explosion?

- **Large mach numbers** cause density fluctuations favorable for explosion.

$$\delta\rho/\rho \propto \mathcal{M}_{\text{prog.}}$$

- **Increase mass in gain** region due to non-radial flow in post-shock region.

$$\dot{Q}_\nu \propto M_{\text{gain}}$$

(Muller + 2017)

- **Increase in non-radial kinetic energy** at large scales.

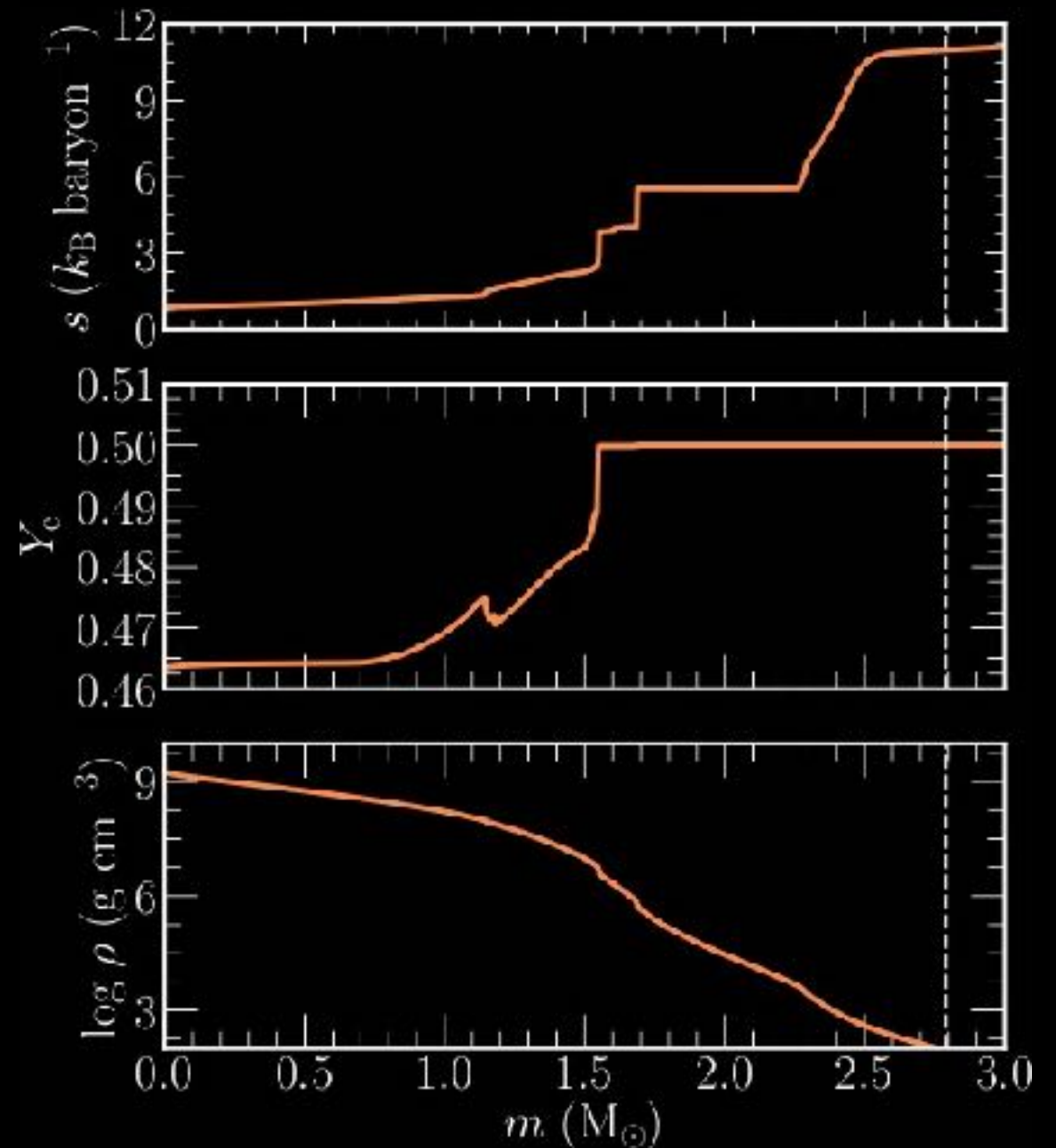
(Couch + 2014, 2015)

3D CCSN PROGENITORS

3D Simulations of a
 $15 M_{\odot}$ star

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SIMULATIONS OF MASSIVE STARS

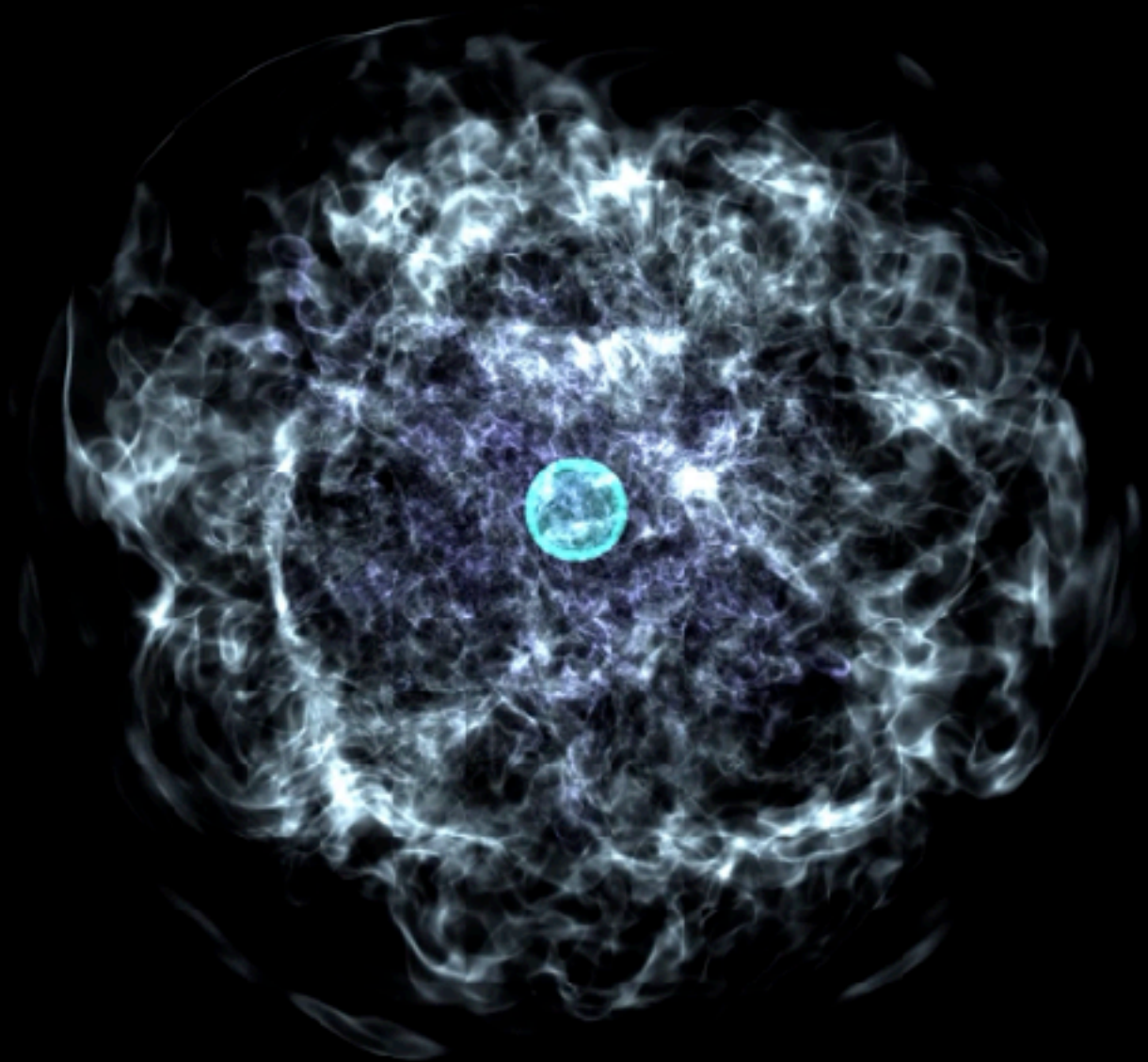
- 2/3D Hydrodynamic simulations using FLASH.
- Evolved ~**7 minutes** collapse using approximate network.
- $15 M_{\odot}$ progenitor.



Stellar input model profiles from
Fields & Couch 2020.

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SIMULATIONS OF MASSIVE STARS

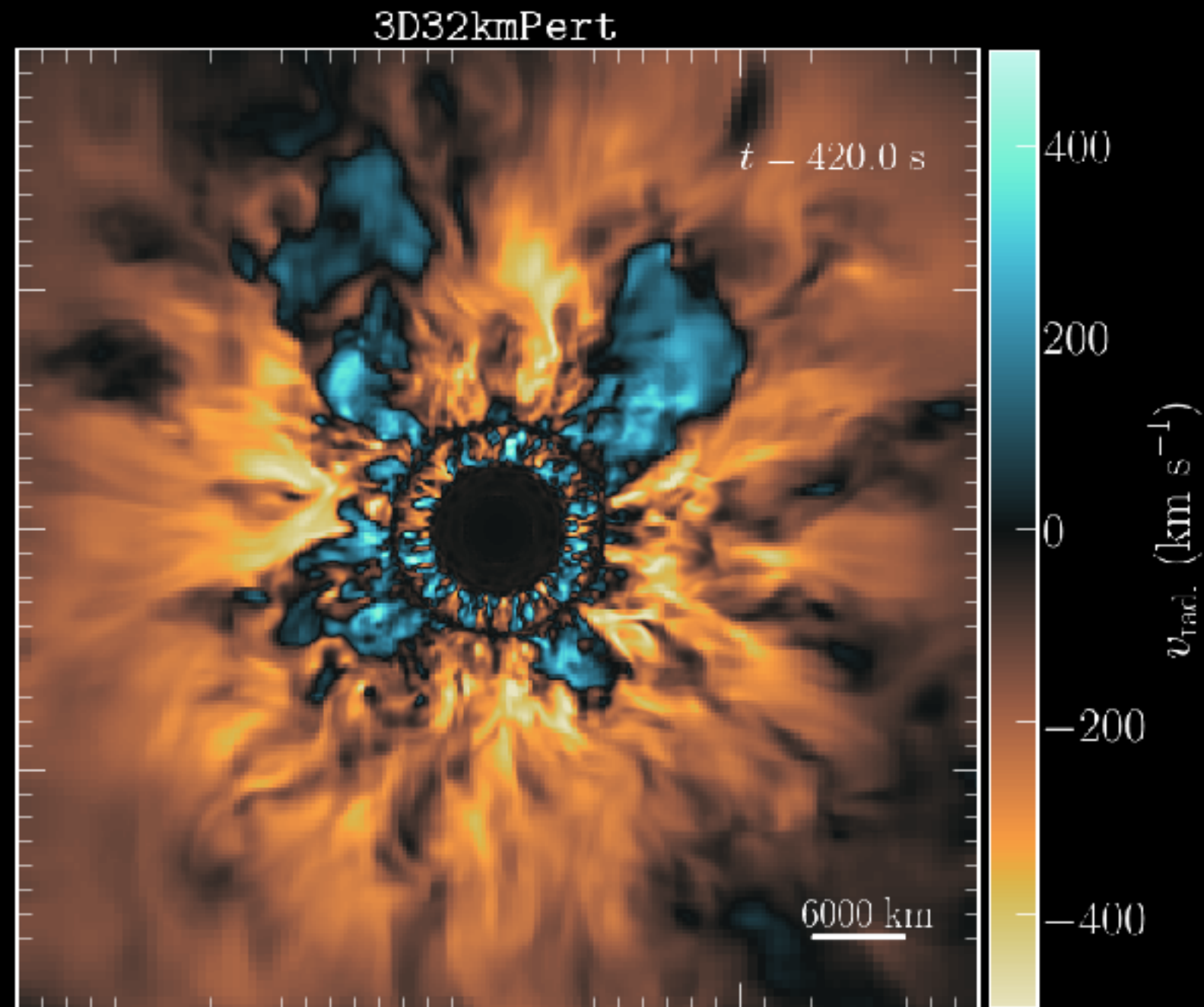
- 3D model evolved using FLASH.
- Shell convection occurring at many scales.
- Perturbations imply indirect **increase** in effective neutrino heating efficiency.



Volume rendering of the velocity field for 3D progenitor model near collapse (*Fields & Couch 2020*).

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SIMULATIONS OF MASSIVE STARS

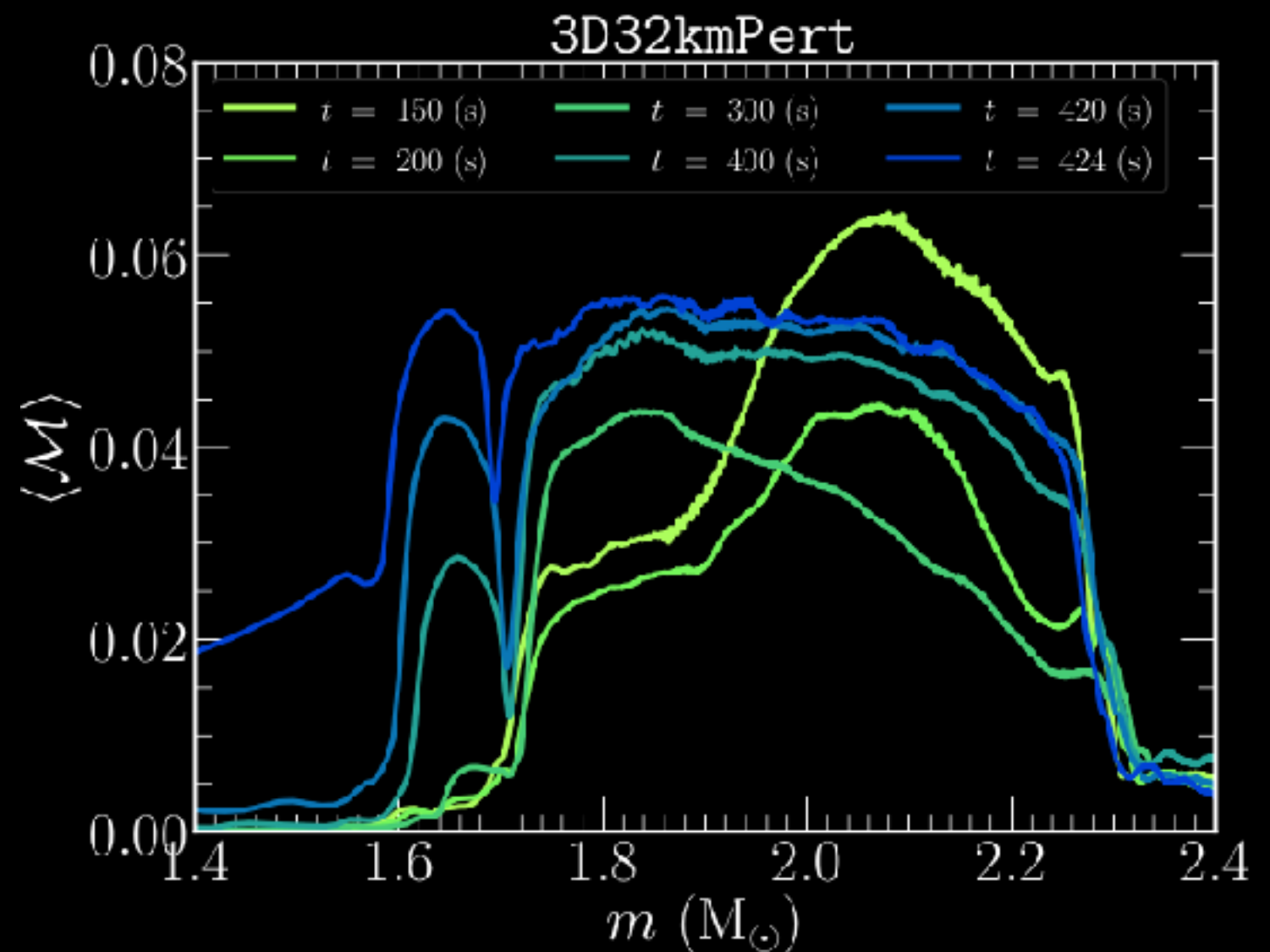
- 4 pi 3D model shows large scale plumes.
- Strong Si-shell convection.
- Convective speeds of several hundred km/s.



Slice of the radial velocity field of 3D progenitor model a few seconds before collapse (*Fields & Couch 2020*).

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SIMULATIONS OF MASSIVE STARS

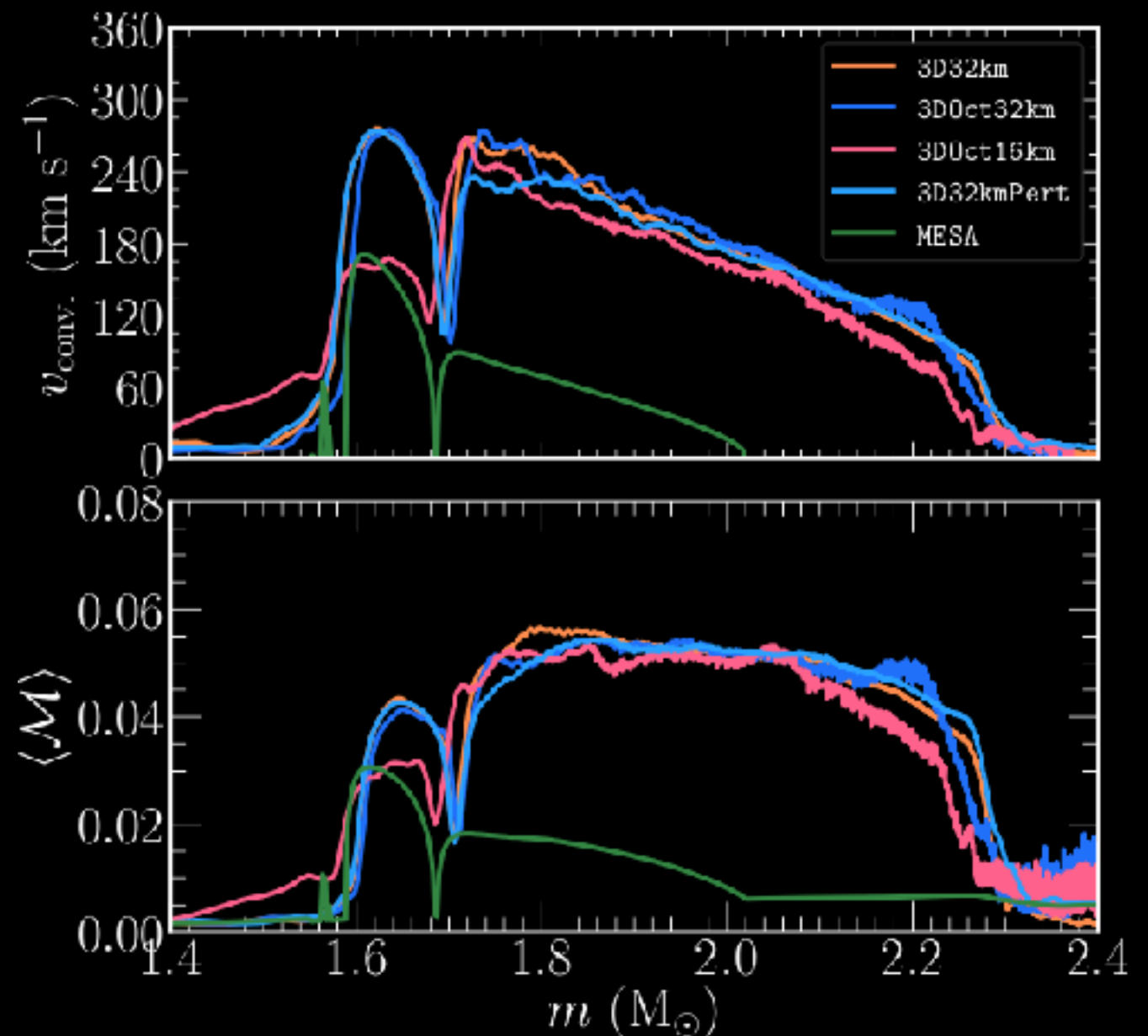
- Significant increase in Si-shell mach numbers at late time.
- Oxygen-shell reaches steady values early on.
- Values in O-shell lower than previous studies (Muller+2016)



Angle average mach number profiles for 3D model at different times (*Fields & Couch 2020*).

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SIMULATIONS OF MASSIVE STARS

- 1D MESA model matches Si-shell convection well.
- Largely under predicts O-shell speeds and extent.
- 1D approximation good, in some cases.



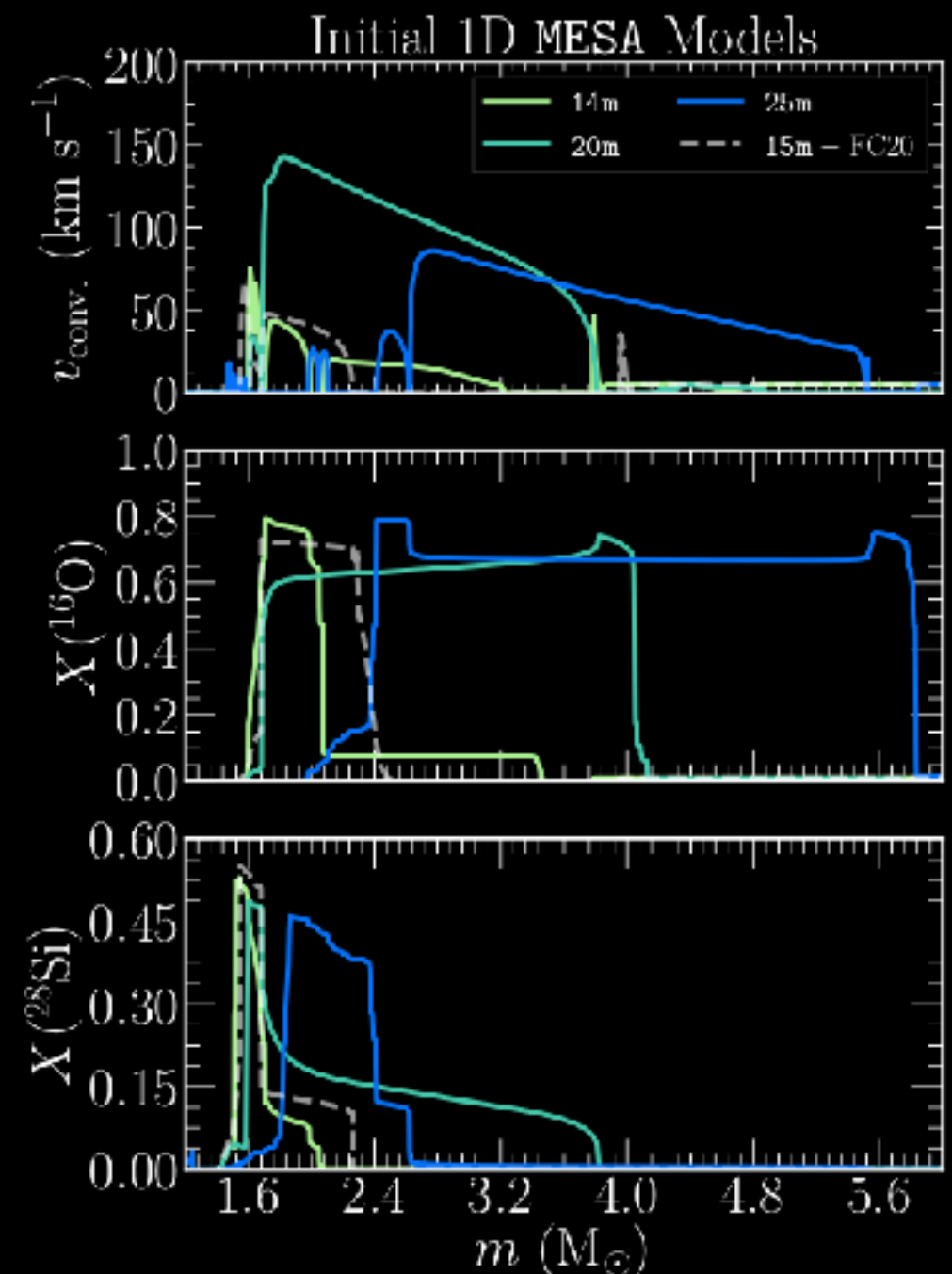
Angle average mach number profiles for all models at different times (*Fields & Couch 2020*).

CONVECTION IN MASSIVE STARS

Convection in multiple
3D Progenitor Models

MASSIVE STAR CONVECTION IN MULTIPLE PROGENITORS

- 3D simulations using FLASH for 14-, 20-, and 25 M_{\odot} models.
- Evolved ~**10 minutes** collapse using approximate network.



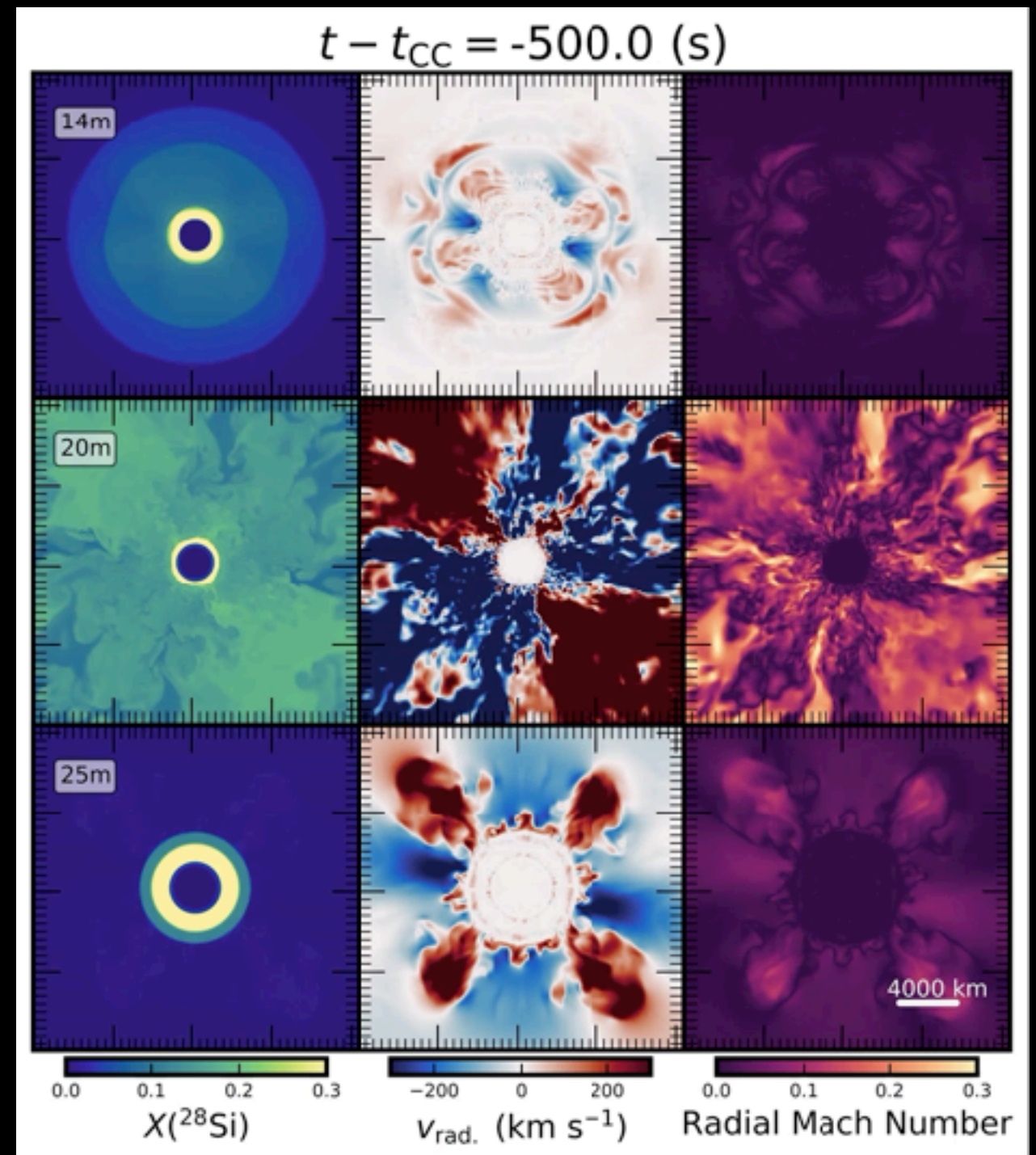
Initial 1D profile structure for 3D models.

(Fields & Couch 2021a.)

MASSIVE STAR CONVECTION IN MULTIPLE PROGENITORS

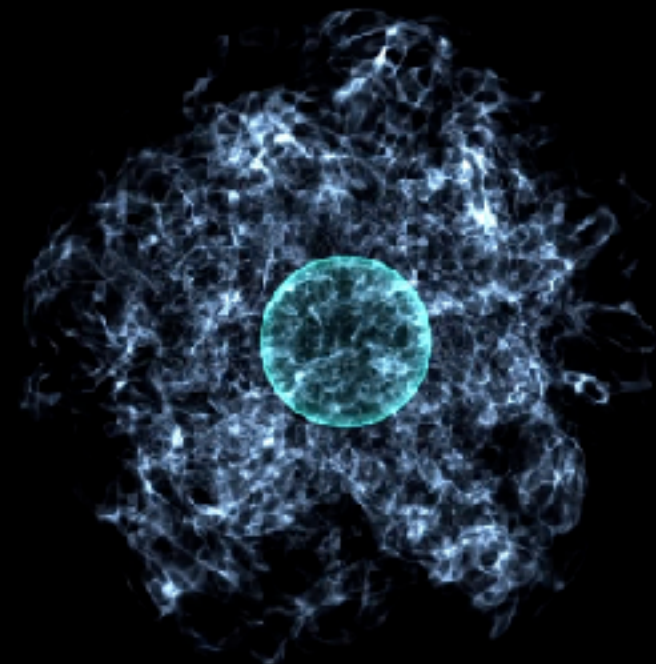
- Models vary in convective speeds!
- Large-scale flow observed in $20 M_{\odot}$ model.

$$\delta\rho/\rho \propto \mathcal{M}_{\text{prog.}}$$



SIMULATIONS OF MASSIVE STAR CONVECTION IN MULTIPLE PROGENITORS

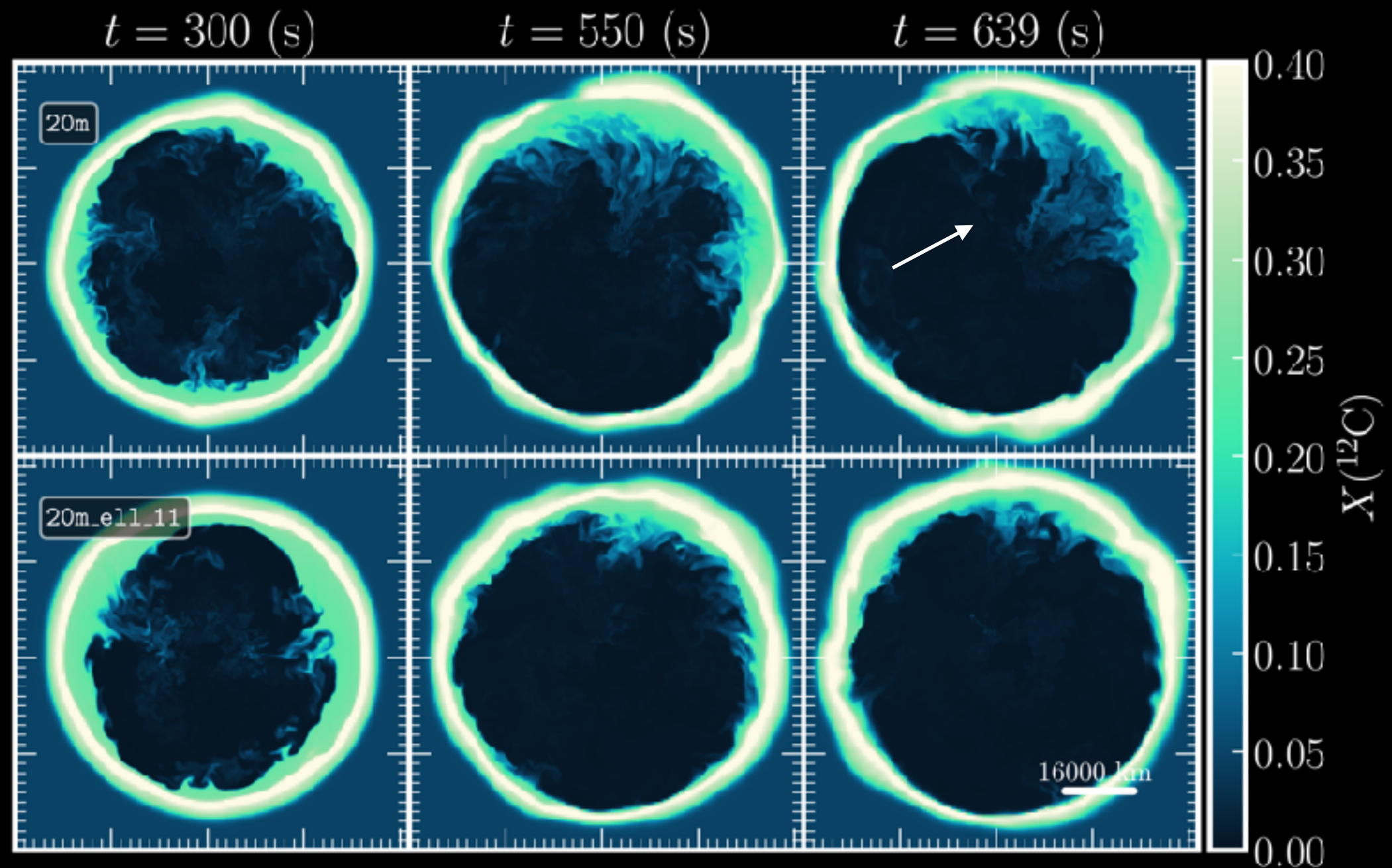
- Smaller O-shell Region, smaller mach numbers, ~ 0.04 !
- Convection occurring at broad range of scales.



$$M_{\text{ZAMS}} = 14M_{\odot}$$
$$t - t_{cc} = -300 \text{ (s)}$$

Volume rendering of the velocity field for 3D progenitor model near collapse (*Fields & Couch 2021a.*).

MASSIVE STAR CONVECTION IN MULTIPLE PROGENITORS



$$(5.2 - 7.5) \times 10^{-4} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

(Fields & Couch 2021a.).

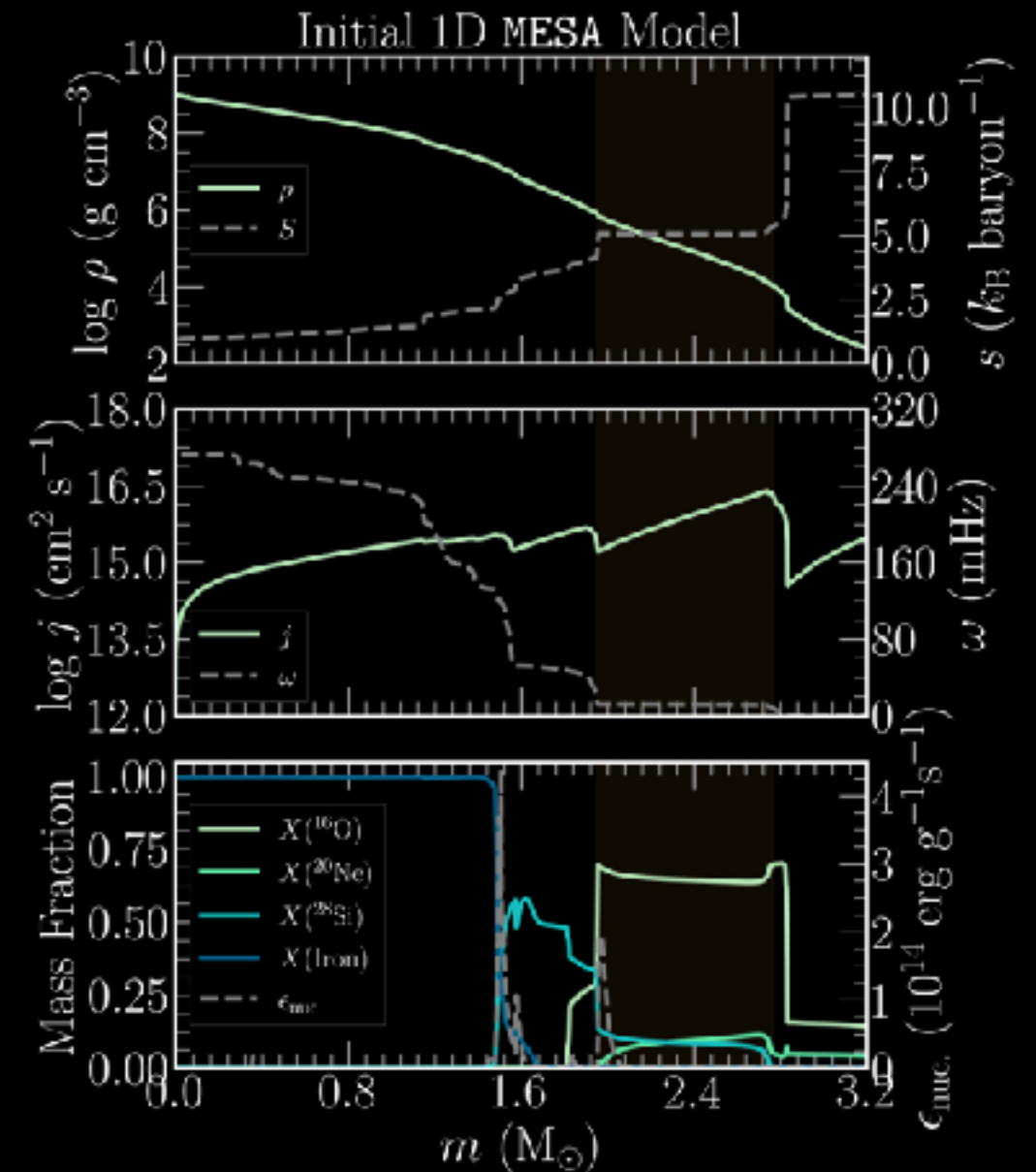
C-ingestion in the O-shell region affected by initial perturbations.

3D CCSN PROGENITORS

3D Evolution of a Rapidly
Rotating $16M_{\odot}$ Star

CONVECTION IN RAPIDLY ROTATING PROGENITORS

- 3D simulations using FLASH for $16M_{\odot}$ model.
- Rotation initialized to 350 km/s at ZAMS.
- Evolved the final 10 minutes to iron core-collapse.
- Includes complete iron core.



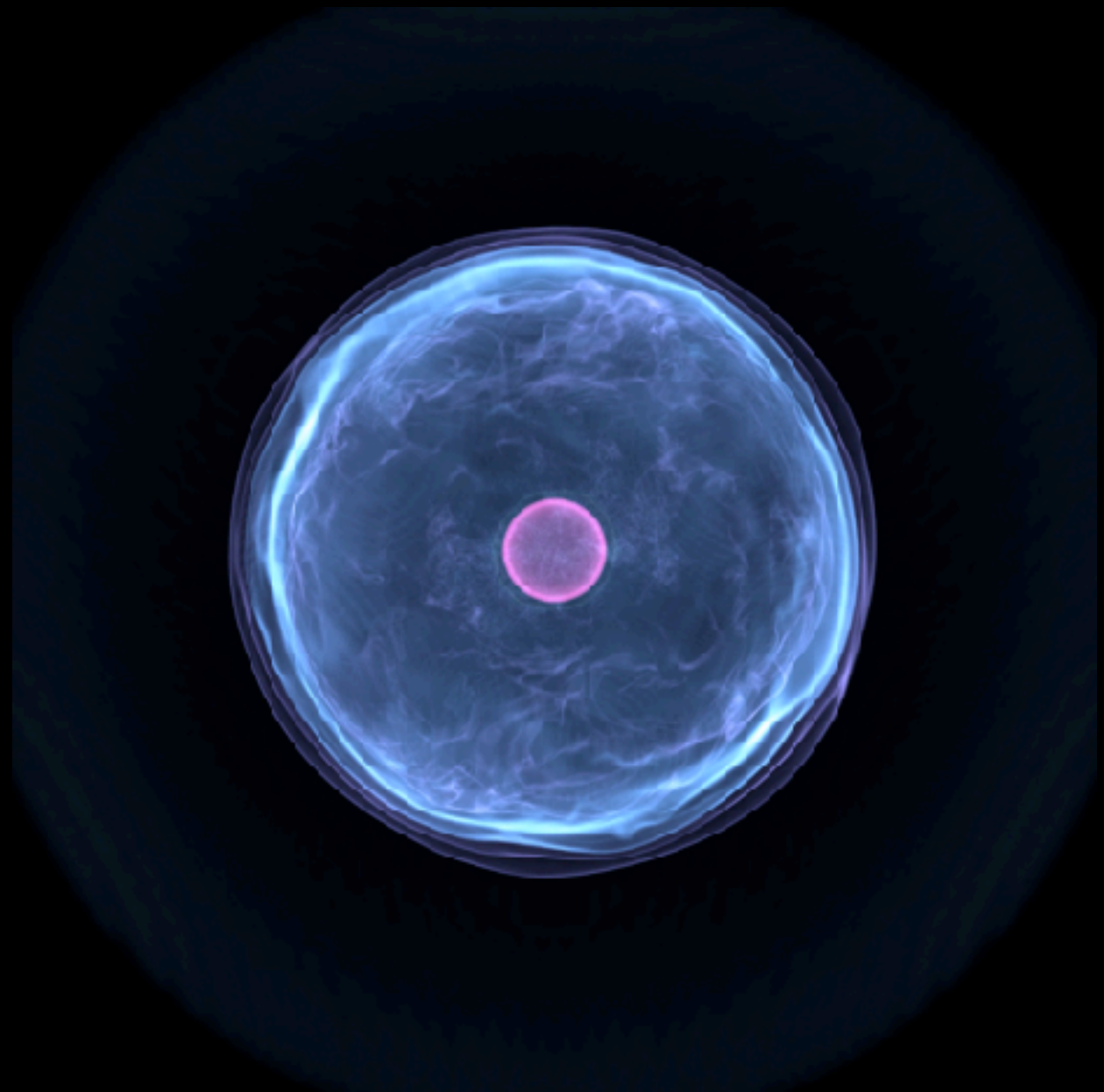
Initial 1D profile structure for 3D model.

(Fields 2021, in prep.)

MASSIVE STAR CONVECTION IN ROTATING PROGENITORS

Preliminary

- Broad convective scales
- Relatively weak Mach numbers ~ 0.04 .
- Weak Si-shell convection.

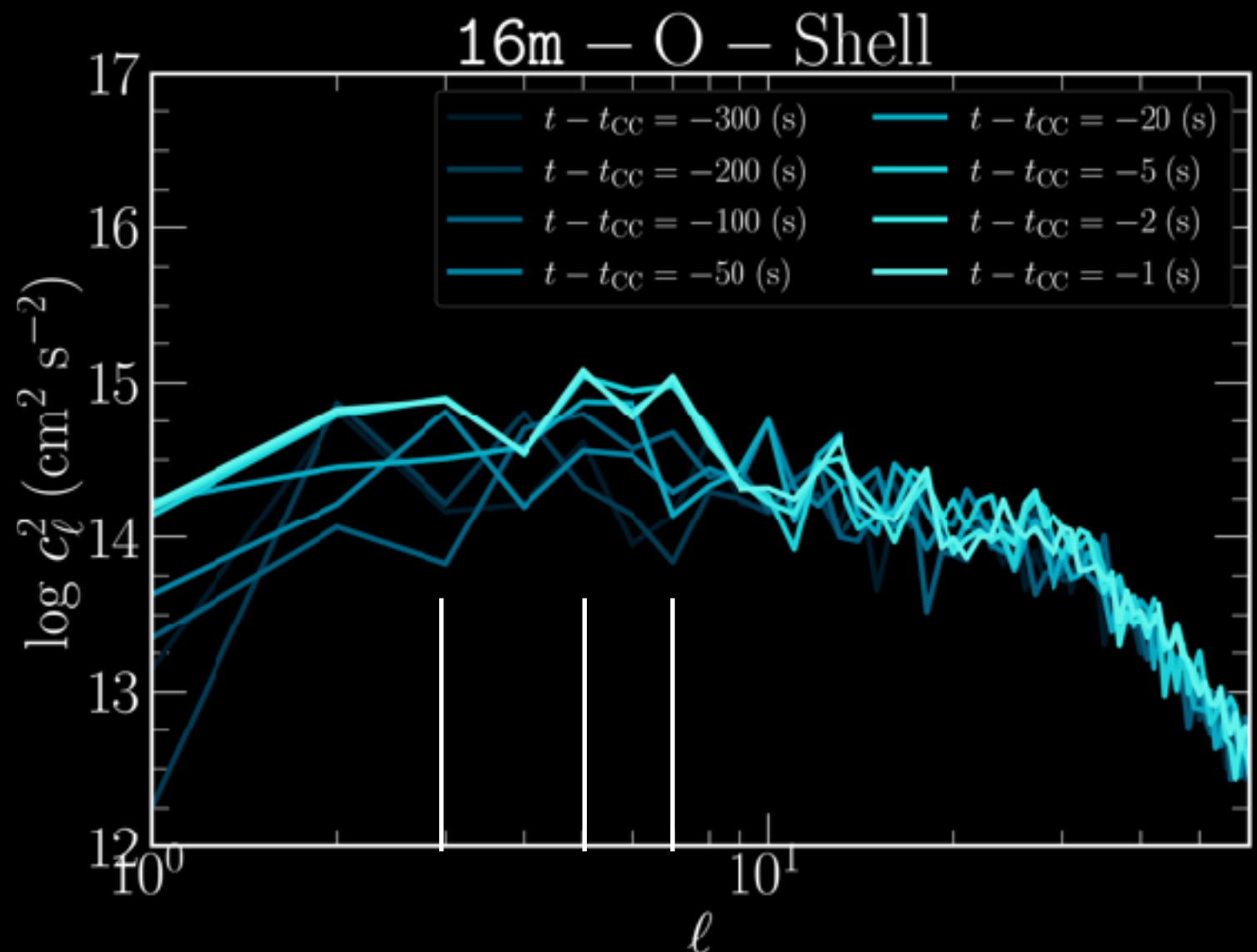


Volume rendering of the Ne-20 mass fraction.
(Fields 2021, in prep.)

MASSIVE STAR CONVECTION IN ROTATING PROGENITORS

Preliminary

- Convection across a range of scales.
- Flow tends towards large scales at late times ($\ell = 3, 5, 7$).



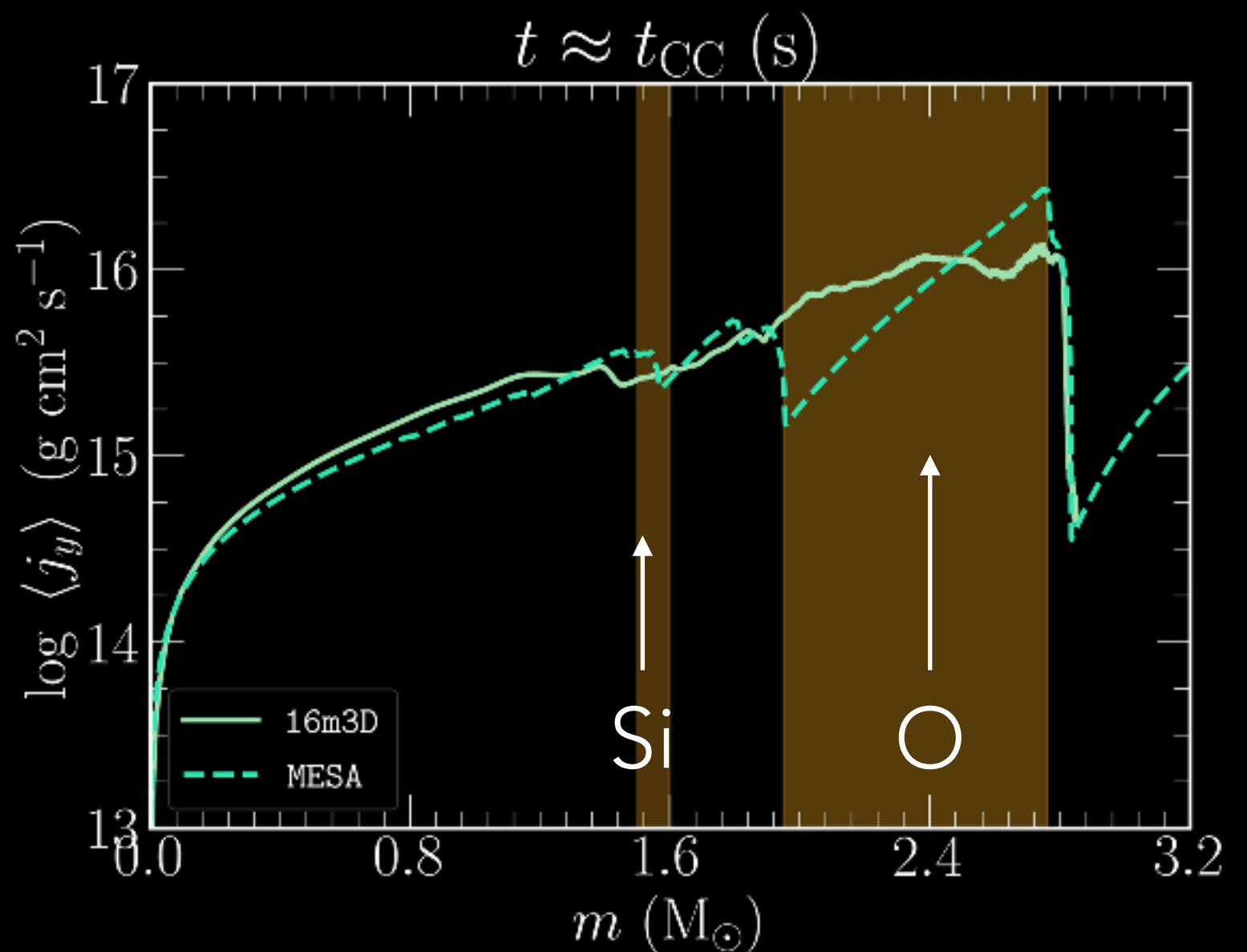
Spectrum of radial velocity field for 3D rotating progenitor.

(Fields 2021, in prep.)

MASSIVE STAR CONVECTION IN ROTATING PROGENITORS

Preliminary

- AM profile diverges from MESA in convective regions.
- We find a NS spin period of $P \sim 1.42$ (ms) at collapse.
- MESA model finds $P \sim 1.41$ (ms).



Angular momentum profiles for rotating 3D progenitor.

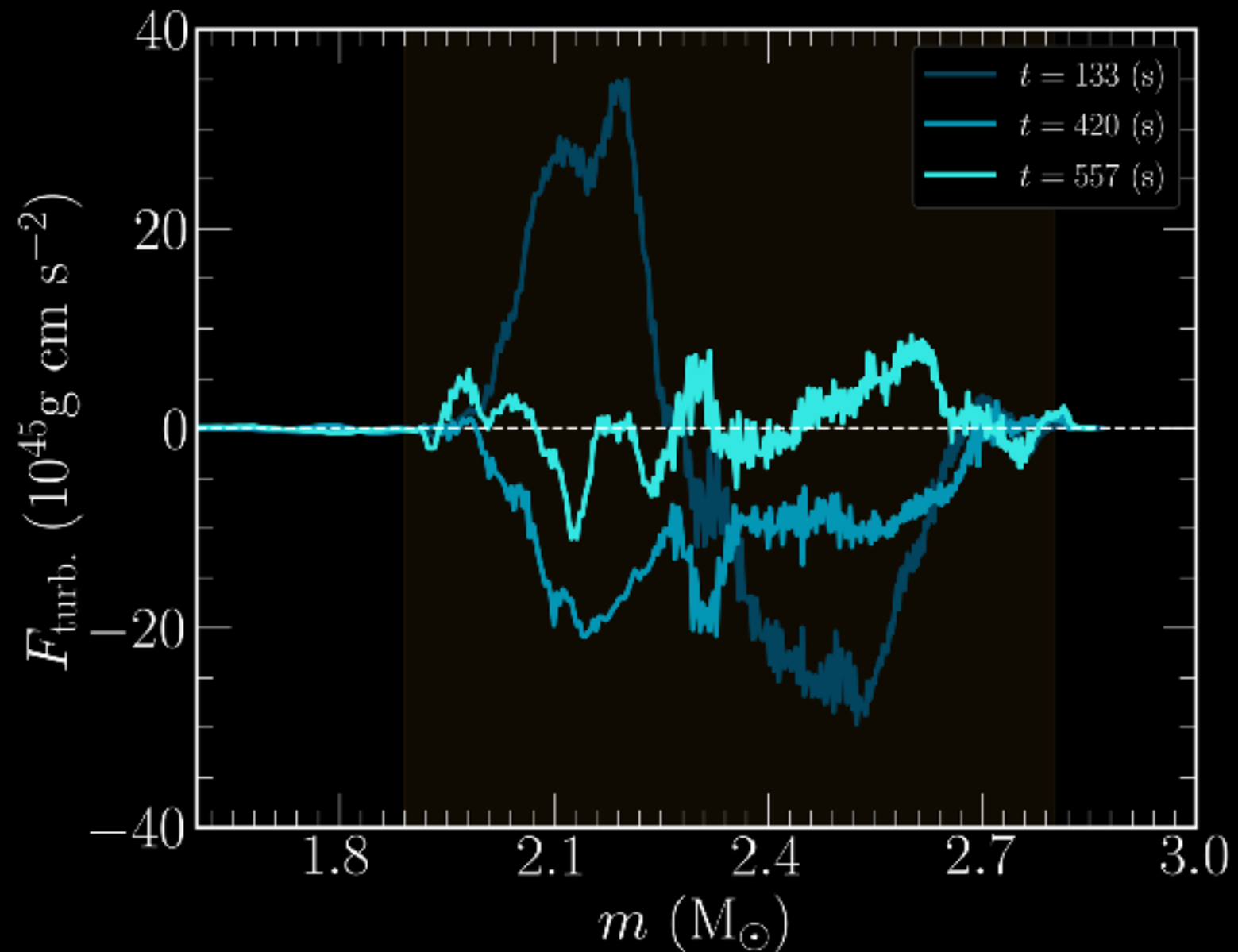
(Fields 2021, in prep.)

MASSIVE STAR CONVECTION IN ROTATING PROGENITORS

Preliminary

- Advective term in non-convective regions.
- Angular momentum flux components.
- Positive flux in the O-shell.

$$F_{\text{turb.}} = \left\langle \rho v_r'' j_y'' \right\rangle$$



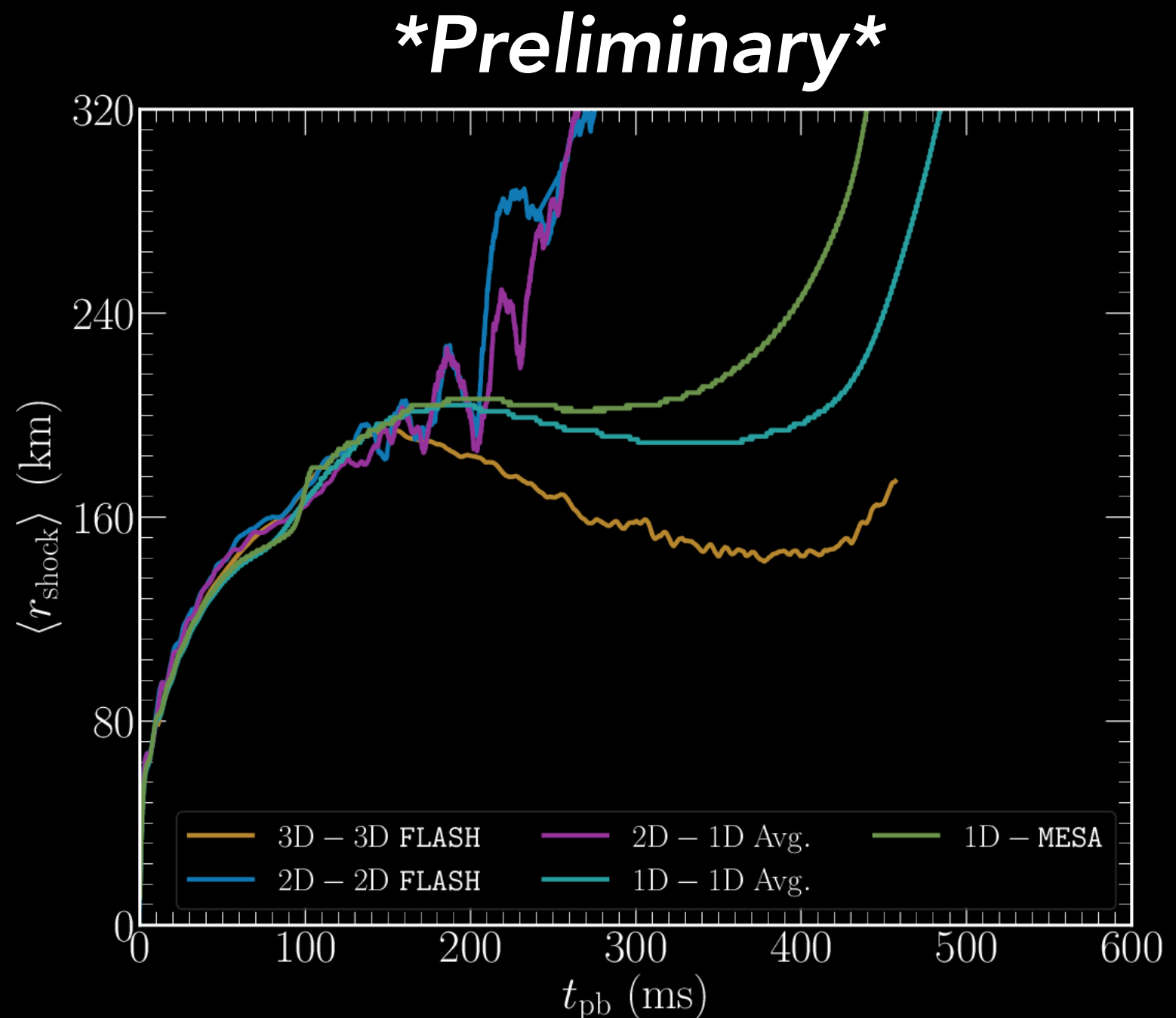
Angular momentum flux profiles.
(Fields 2021, in prep.)

3D CCSN PROGENITORS

CCSNe using
3D Progenitors

CCSN EXPLOSIONS OF MULTI-D PROGENITORS

- 1/2/3D CCSN simulations.
- Use 2D/3D progenitors.
- Multi-group/species, energy/velocity dependent neutrino transport, **M1**.

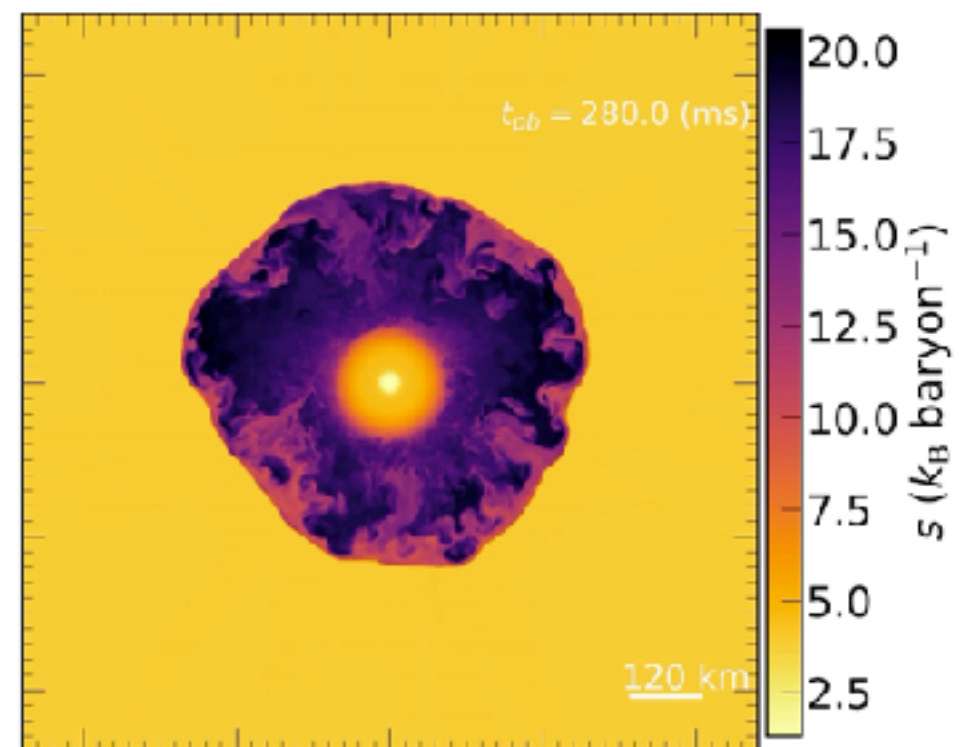


Mean shock radius evolution for multi-D CCSN models
(Fields + 2021b, in prep.).

CCSN EXPLOSIONS OF MULTI-D PROGENITORS

****Preliminary****

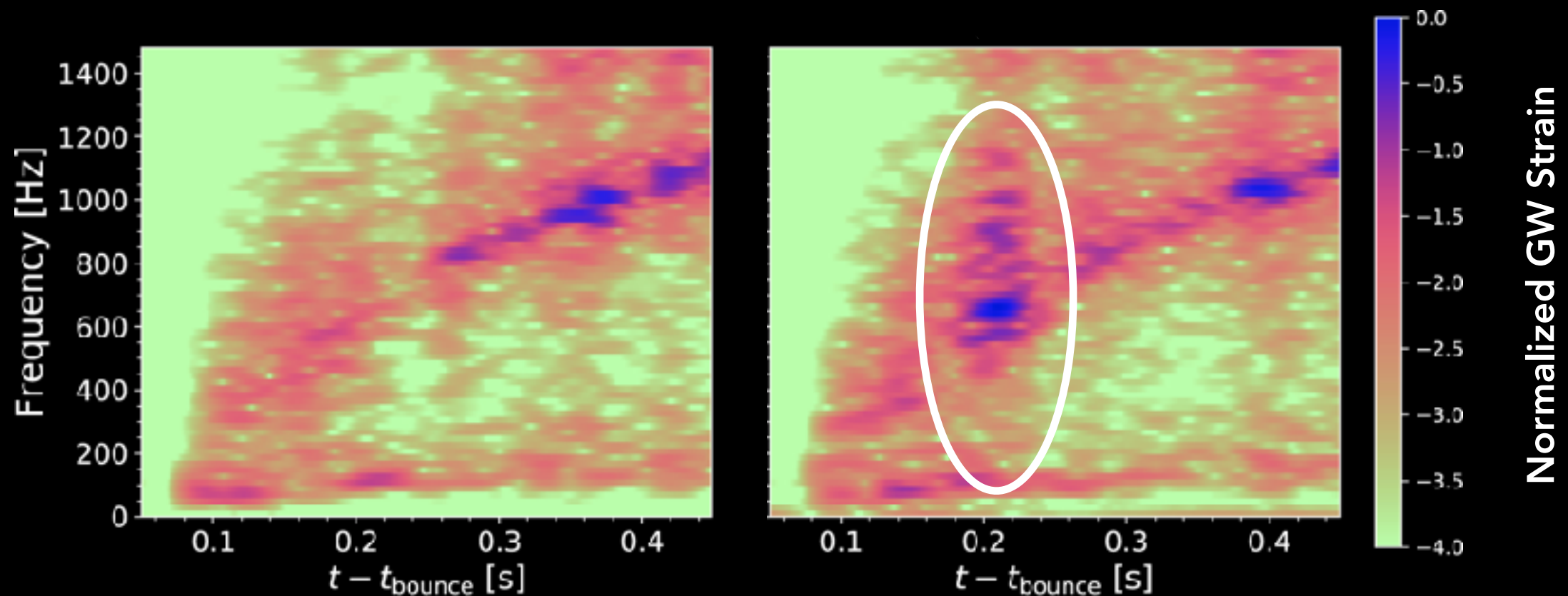
- 3D model approaching shock runaway.
- Large non-radial kinetic energy.



Slice of entropy in the x-y plane for 3D CCSN model
(Fields + 2021b, in prep.).

IMPACT ON MULTI-MESSENGER ASTRONOMY

Impact of 3D progenitor on GW emission?

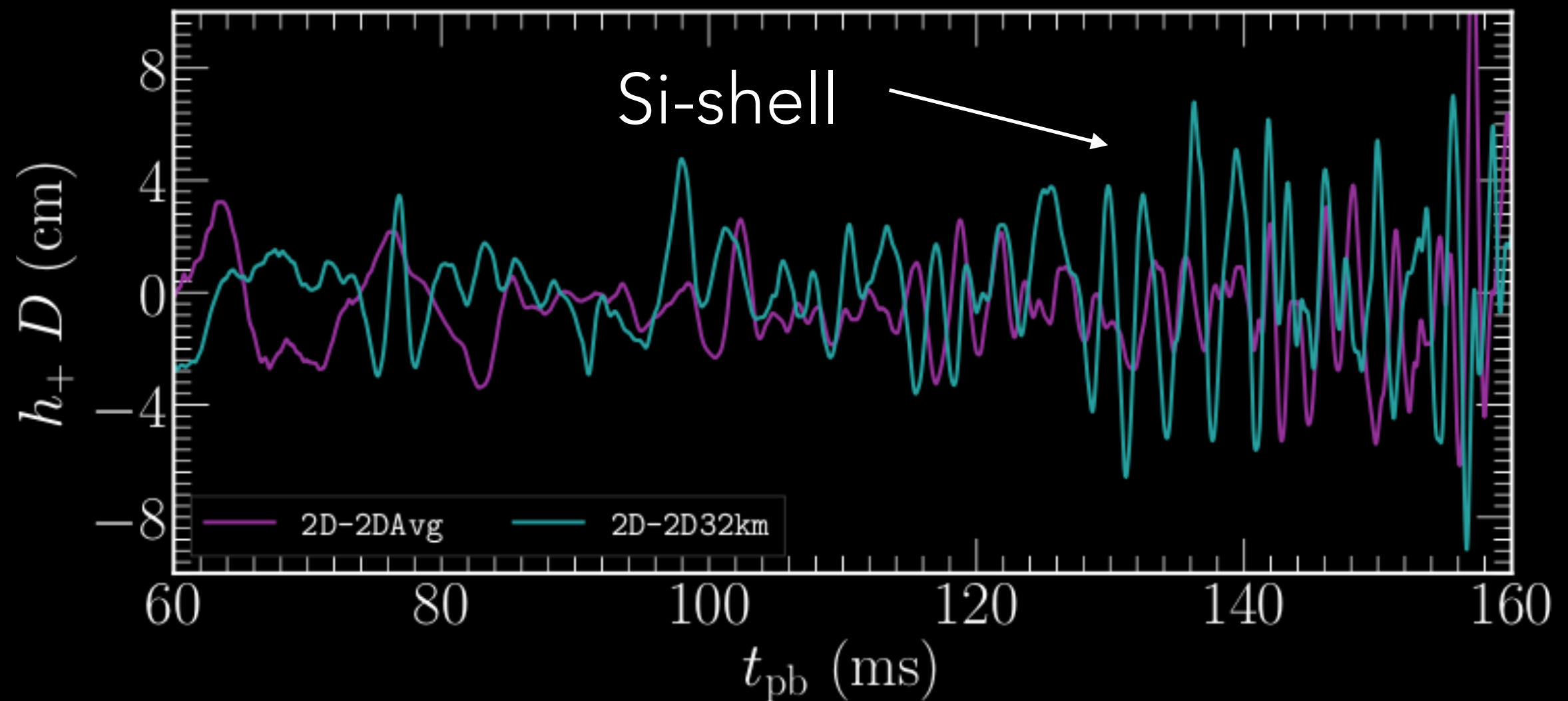


(O'Connor & Couch, 2018)

Si-shell perturbations shown in GW emission.

CCSN EXPLOSIONS OF MULTI-D PROGENITORS

Impact of perturbations on GW emission?

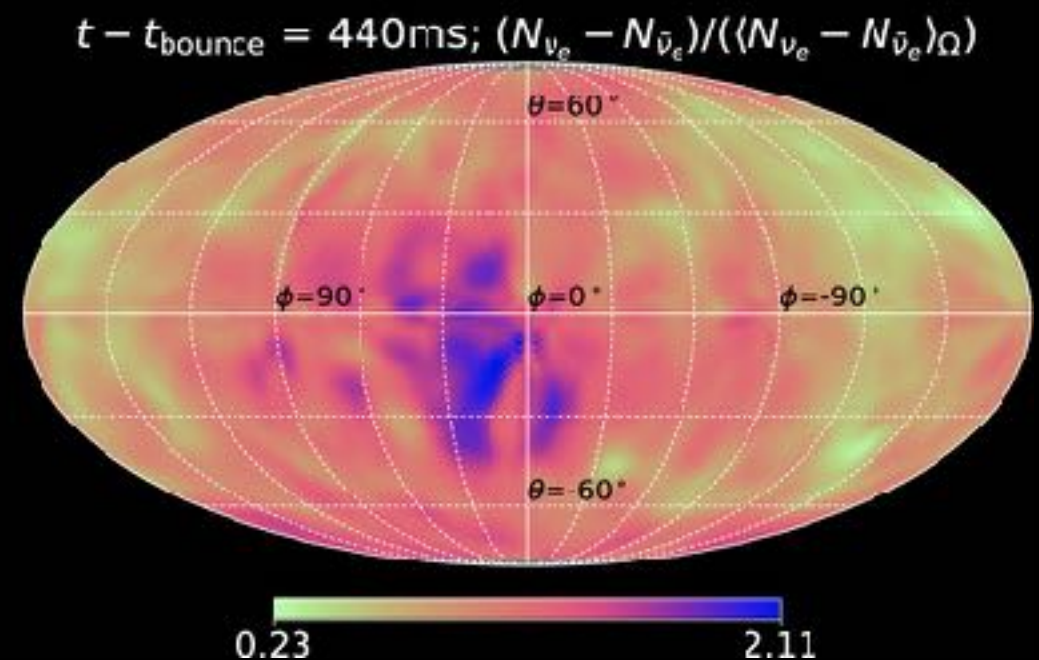
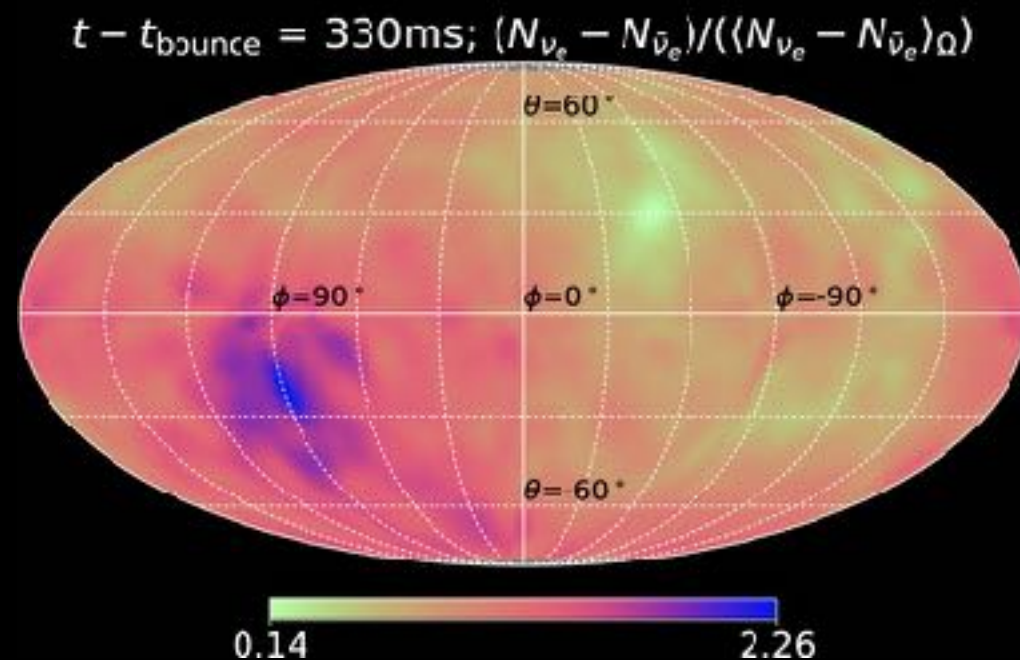


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Si-shell perturbations shown in GW for $f_{\text{GW}} \sim 150 - 600$ (Hz).

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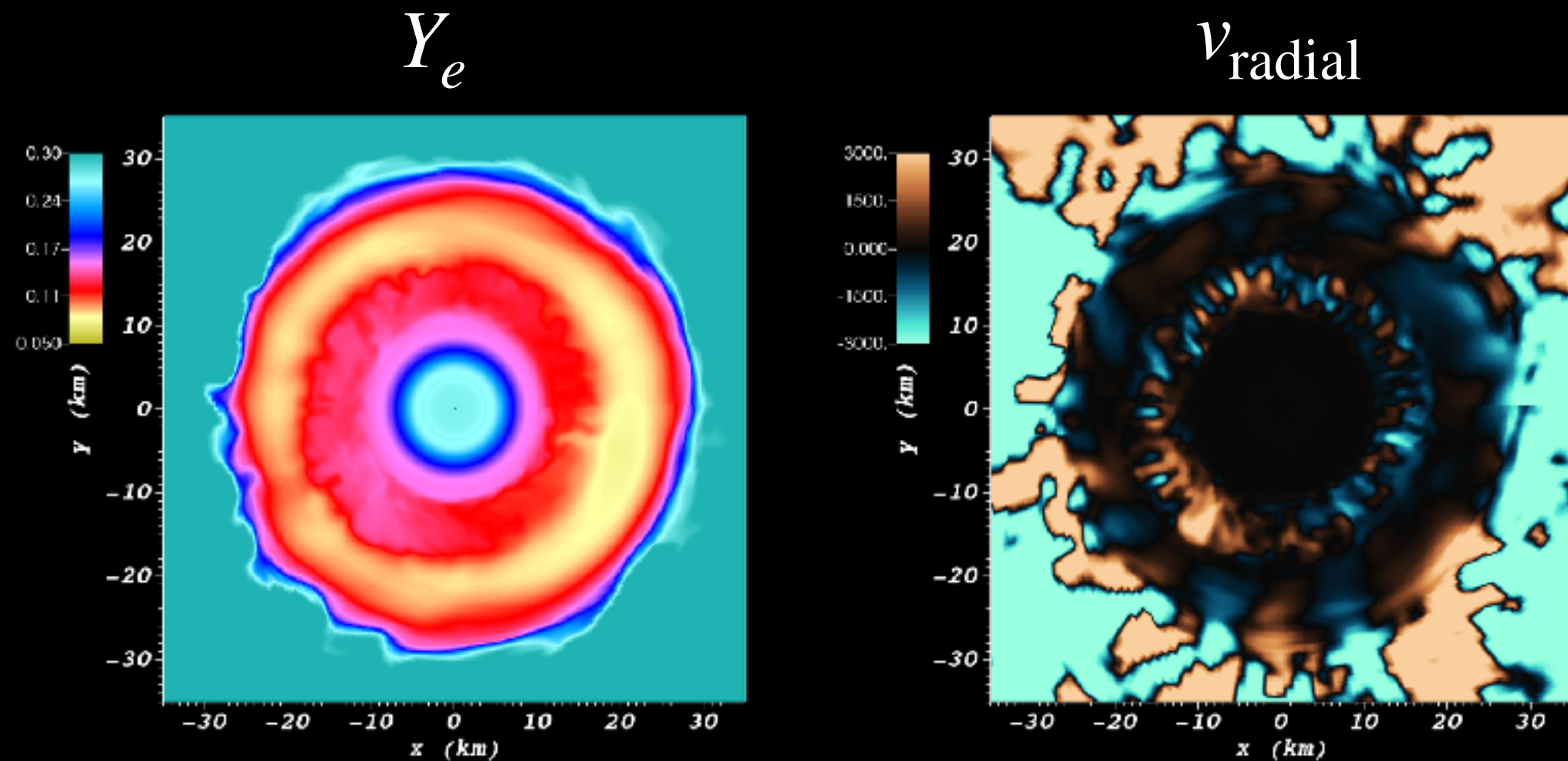
Impact of 3D progenitor on neutrino emission?



(O'Connor & Couch, 2018)

lepton-number emission self- sustained asymmetric
(LESA) - sustained by asymmetric convection?

IMPACT ON MULTI-MESSENGER ASTRONOMY



(Muller+, 2020)

$$M_{\text{ZAMS}} = 18M_{\odot} \quad t_{\text{pb}} \sim 453 \text{ (ms)}$$

Asymmetry in electron fraction, less in radial velocity - signature of **LESA**.

IMPACT ON MULTI-MESSENGER ASTRONOMY

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The Collapse and Three-Dimensional Explosion of Three-Dimensional Massive-star Supernova Progenitor Models

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(arxiv.org/abs/2109.10920)

Other groups using 3D progenitors as input. Check out this recent work!

CONCLUSIONS & SUMMARY

3D models of stellar convection necessary for accurate description of state of model near collapse

(Fields & Couch, 2020, ApJ; Fields & Couch 2021, ApJ)

- Convection occurring at many scales, large dominant mode near collapse
- 3D instabilities can affect flow properties and mass entrainment
- Mach number profiles show favorable conditions for explosion.

3D rotating progenitor models ALSO necessary

(Fields, 2021, in prep.)

- Redistribution of AM diverges from MESA model. Implications for remnant.
- Turbulent transport of AM in convective shell regions.

Multi-D models can provide input for successful CCSN models

- Larger non-radial kinetic energy when using multi-D progenitor input
- 3D CCSN model showed prompt convection, asymmetric shock runaway
- Explosion properties suggest robust impact on multi-messenger signals

THANK YOU

Questions?

Our data are online and available publicly!

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